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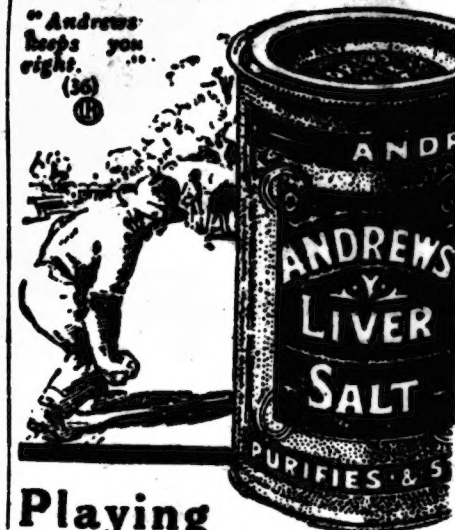
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"THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL."

[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]

"If you see it—"

More than two months ago we stated that M. Deschanel's mental health had completely broken down, and that all the talk about an accidental fall from his train was mere camouflage—and that he would never return to the Elysée. Now it is officially admitted and the President has resigned.

Lansbury the Liar.

Thus we give Mr. Lansbury a second opportunity of hauling us up for libel. We begin to feel that we have been too tender with him in the past, and that all the time we were giving him credit for honesty of purpose he was "pulling our legs" and playing a sinister game of prevarication and deceit.

Our Charges.

Apart altogether, however, from these latest revelations about Bolshevik finance, there remains on record our definite and grave charges that Lansbury, abusing the passport he had obtained to Finland, smuggled himself into Russia, and did his utmost to suborn British soldiers from their allegiance to the King. Parliament will soon have reassembled, and we shall require to know what the Government proposes to do about it.

Tainted Money.

Meanwhile the public will soon know where that £75,000 which was lodged with Mr. Meynell, one of the Directors of the *Daily Herald* is now.

Privy Councillors and Revolution.

Isn't it about time that steps were taken to deprive of their membership of the Privy Council men who openly profess sympathy with movements designed to overthrow the Constitution? What about their oath?

Cause and Effect?

We are a little bewildered by an announcement in the Press that, in the event of the Coal Strike coming, the first article of food to be rationed will be sugar. Now, if our contemporaries had said saccharin, we could have understood it; but why a shortage of coal or coal-tar should have an immediate effect upon the supply of sugar, passes our comprehension.

Separate Peace.

The suggestion is now made—we think it emanates from America—that the Treaty of Versailles should be scrapped, and that each of the Allies should make its separate peace with Germany. We have no objection—provided, of course, that provision is made for a British Commission to Berlin, with power to collect railway, mining, customs, and other revenue, on account of the Indemnity

The Angelus.

We observe, with interest, that the ancient use of the Peace Bell on Fridays at noon is to be restored in the diocese of Salisbury—"thus uniting an act of solemn remembrance with prayer for the peace and concord of this realm." The Angelus is surely coming.

Our Letter to the King.

An enormous number of letters have reached us in regard to the appeal we made to the King for the release of Alderman McSwiney. Need we reiterate our disclaimer of any kind of sympathy with the wicked outrages which have been committed in the name of Sinn Fein, and once more point out that, had our appeal been successful and Ireland had failed to appreciate such an act of clemency, no further plea for mercy would ever have passed our lips?

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Lord Murray of Elibank.

So "The Master," as we used to call him in the House, has gone. He was the best Whip of modern times—urbane, shrewd, and diplomatic. We had much to do with him between 1906 and 1912, and think we may say that we enjoyed his special confidence.

More Muddling.

We always thought the Government were somewhat premature in getting rid of war material before we are out of the wood—and now, just after the Disposals Board has sold hundreds of Rolls-Royce chassis, the War Office is placing orders for a new supply for use in Mesopotamia! It looks as though one of the first things Parliament will have to do on re-assembling is to pass a big vote for the Ministry of Munitions. And Peace was signed on 18th July, 1919!

Then and Now.

Glancing the other day over Macaulay's "History of England," we were struck with a chapter in which he points out that "while every part of the Continent, from Moscow to Lisbon, has been the theatre of bloody and devastating wars, no hostile standard has been seen here for many generations but as a trophy. While revolutions have taken place all around us, our government has never once been subverted by violence." Messrs. Smillie and Williams, please note.

Buying Us?

An Oldham reader tells us that he was unable to obtain a copy of our issues containing the Lansbury exposures "as the Labour Party had been round and bought up every copy it could lay its hands on." We have had much pleasure in forwarding him the numbers containing the articles.

Exit Police Traps.

Congratulations to the Police on the abolition of the silly motor-car traps. As in Paris, the one offence should be driving to the common danger. Four miles an hour in certain circumstances might come within this definition, whilst in others forty would not.

Who is Right?

Isn't it about time the Government made up its mind as to the correct coal figures? In July last the President of the Board of Trade told us he did not dispute the figure of £66,000,000 as the estimated profit for the year on export coal—and now the Board of Trade issues an official statement to the effect that the profit for the year will not exceed £8,000,000. Oh, for a business Board of Trade!

"The Hungry Huns."

Apropos of our recent reminder to local authorities that they have no legal power to provide for infant Huns, several kind-hearted readers have written in protest, quoting the Biblical injunction to "suffer little children to come unto Me." Well, "Me" can scarcely apply to a borough council, and we suggest that work of this kind is a matter for private charity rather than for the expenditure of public funds, contributed in many cases by British parents with hungry children of their own.

The JOHN BULL Boys.

The "dress rehearsal" of the JOHN BULL Boxing Boys, for the purpose of gauging their Championship prospects, has been arranged for 7th October, at "Bohemia," Herne Bay, and should the results be in accordance with Mr. "Smiler" Hales' expectations, challenges will at once be issued to the leading men in the various classes to come and defend their titles. Meanwhile, a generous sporting friend, in the person of Mr. Lionel Rapson, has promised a gold trophy for each Championship winner, and has also sent a cheque for £50 for distribution amongst the "Boys."

Ten Years Ago.

From JOHN BULL, September 24th, 1910: "Whatever its merits, Conscription is coming." "If you see it —"

Local Limerick.

(Mrs. Elinor Glyn, the novelist, has written a book on "The Philosophy of Love," in which she tells girls how to attract men and how to make love.)

There is a bold writer named Glyn,
Telling girls how a sweetheart to win;
But the girl of to-day
Says, "Oh, mum, run and play!
Where you left off, we only begin."

More Shops, More Jobs.

It is right up to the Minister of Labour to crowd as many ex-Service men as possible into the new jobs which will be created in the new shops to be opened as a result of the new Unemployment Insurance Act. One hundred and thirty more Exchanges will demand increased staff, which we submit ought to be found out of the 150,000 discharged soldiers who have got no work to do.

Corrupting the Army.

Evidence accumulates that the Russian Soviet authorities are conducting an insidious propaganda among the Allied Armies in the occupied zones of Germany and elsewhere, copies of a leaflet used for this purpose having found their way to us from the Polish frontier. As regards our own Government, it would be interesting to know whether any effective counter-measures have been taken. It is a pity that the Soviet lies, so easy to expose, should go unanswered.

The "Herald" Debentures.

Having decided not for the present to accept the £75,000 of Russian gold offered by Kameneff and Co., the proprietors of the *Daily Herald* are making further frantic efforts to dispose of their 5 per cent. debentures. The leading spirit in the new enterprise is Mr. Ernest Bevin, the "Dockers' K.C.," and we have reason to believe that the replies received from some of the Trade Unions would make interesting reading. When it comes to "parting," our amateur Lenins can be as shy as turtle doves.

Cranks in Charge.

We are told that on the Manchester Royal Exchange, which claims the largest membership of any in the world, racing results are not allowed to be shown on the telegraph board, the Committee having actually gone to the length of removing the tape machine from the reach of members, and keeping a man on duty to destroy all sporting items. "Needless to say," adds an aggrieved correspondent, "every facility is given for a right royal gamble in cotton 'futures,' silver prices and stocks of all descriptions." Evidently the cranks are in control at Cottonopolis.

A Fine Investment.

The £300,000 to be earmarked out of the United Services Fund for the education of children of ex-Service men is a fine investment because it has gilt-edged security in the children it is intended to benefit. The children, who must be of promising ability, will be selected entirely according to merit. Those whose education has been interrupted through parental inability to continue it are also brought into the scheme, and these will be assisted and practically maintained, if necessary, "up to and including the University." This is really an inspired method of paying a part at least of that great debt of debts which the country owes to the men who saved her from the Hun.

"Tickets, Please!"

Many who have occasion to travel from London Bridge to New Cross will have noticed that the tickets are collected by a strong, healthy young woman who sits on a stool to accomplish her effort. It seems not to have occurred to the Directors that an unemployed man who has lost an arm or a leg or an eye in the service of his country could do this work equally well.

A Mystery at Hastings.

The other week, there were 57 items on the agenda of the good Guardians of Hastings. By a couple of deft votes, it was settled that items 1 to 47 be considered after the Pressmen had been turned out. And it was so. The kick of the local journalists was not hard enough, and those gentlemen had to go for a walk round the houses while the Guardians did their fell work in black, suspicious secrecy. It is for Hastings to say what it thinks of such queer proceedings.

"One Good Turn"—

One of these days our music-hall magnates will perhaps realise their sin in engaging so many foreigners. Some West-end bills shout the names of aliens brazenly. An East-end hall just lately included six foreigners in a programme of eight turns. This is unfair to the last degree, especially when so many ex-Service men are denied a chance to make good their old position on the variety stage. Every foreigner engaged (usually at a big salary) starves out a British turn.

Church and School.

They have their own way of appointing a head mistress to the infant school at Hugglescote, Leicester. There were numerous applicants with excellent credentials. But the Vicar and his friends appointed a lady because she belonged to a respected family, had been a pupil at the school, and was "such a devoted Churchwoman." Not a word was said as to her ability to teach the A B C or that two and two make four. The Church influence rules over the educational position as usual.

Worn-out Horses.

The traffic in worn-out horses from Scotland to the Continent—which means Germany—again rears its ugly head. They are sent from Aberdeen in quantities, and the local papers actually contain advertisements like these: "Horses wanted for slaughtering"; "Cast-off horses wanted"; "Required, a few more worn-out horses." The wretched creatures are paid for at large prices, and the dealers realise a big profit. But that does not justify the subjection of the miserable, worn-out things to the horrors of a voyage to Germany.

Indecent Conditions.

Following upon the Medical Officer's Report on housing conditions in the borough of Ilkeston, Derbyshire, in which it was stated that through overcrowding in certain districts it was "impossible to separate the sexes properly," comes a vigorous protest from the local Discharged Soldiers' Federation against the proposed erection in the town of a new General Post Office on palatial lines. It is argued that the absorption of labour and building materials in this grandiose scheme is a crying scandal while the housing conditions denounced by the M.O. remain unremedied. We think so, too.

The Fool.

If Mr. Bingley, the Woolwich Magistrate, is not careful he will make a name for himself. His latest *obiter dictum* is that "any man who lives with his mother-in-law is a fool." We suggest to Mr. Bingley that his judgment is too sweeping. It all depends on the mother-in-law. Some mothers-in-law are worth their weight in coal.

Jones' Price.

"In reply to your letter," write Messrs. Pryce Jones, Ltd., of the Royal Welsh Warehouse, Newtown, Wales, to a reader, "the position we have to offer is that of a ledger clerk in our general office, for which we are paying £2 19s. 2d. a week." He wonders how they manage to spare the money. We don't. They pay it out of excess profits.

Artful Isaac.

Isaac Emmanuel is not a Welshman. He is one of those giddy Gold Coast niggers who play the something-for-nothing dodge on the guileless. He is trying to play it on us. Writing from Coomassie, to "My Dearest JOHN BULL," he wants a 5s. 6d. fountain pen, and also offers 3s. 3d. for this journal mailed to him for three months. When he gets the goods, he says he will send the money. Although he says he is our "affectionate friend," we do as we have advised readers to do in similar circumstances. We give him a miss.

Tomfoolery.

Our references to the Examination to be passed for the Civil Service by temporary clerks have brought us many letters. One man pictures himself, 6 ft. of humanity, sitting at a schoolboy's little desk. The fact that he was a successful commercial man before war counts for nothing. He has to sweat his brains to say "how long it would take a man to build a wall, laying so many bricks per hour, if another workman pulled them down at a different rate in differing hours." It *does* seem tomfoolish.

That Tyldesley Tussle.

Regarding our comments on a Tyldesley open-air Sinn Fein meeting at which there was a row because somebody in the crowd raised the Union Jack on an umbrella, Mr. T. M. Hurst, ex-bombardier of the R.G.A., writes:—"As the man who along with my pals hoisted the Union Jack on my gamp, I must say the police protected us and only locked up the Sinn Feiners; also the Magistrates let our man off and only fined the Micks." We agree with Mr. Hurst that "it is a scandal how some of the local mines are employing these new come-overs while our own lads are looking for work."

The Refuge.

Turned out of house and home, a discharged soldier of Bishop Auckland, named Robinson, who is unable to obtain other accommodation, has had to put his wife and family into the workhouse while he finds lodging elsewhere. Neither the local authorities nor the Magistrates are to be blamed in the matter, for the house is now unsafe. Robinson, in good work with the local gas company, asks us whether we think the Government would give him an Army hut and take his pension every week until the hut is paid for. We can't say; but there would be no harm in his writing to Mr. Churchill about it.

Local Limerick.

(A man trimming a hedge on the Minto estate, Hawick, was attacked by a weasel. It sprang out at his throat and, when beaten off, started to eat his dinner, ultimately getting clear away.)

There was a Scot whose amazement was deep,
At his throat a wild weasel did leap;

'Ere that weasel went pop,
Said the man, "May I drop,
But you can't catch a weasel asleep!"

Women on the Step.

"I was greatly surprised," writes an observant reader, "to see, when visiting Cleethorpes, that women collectors are still employed by the Grimsby Tramways Company on all their cars." As other tramway companies are equally guilty, the occasion was one, not so much for surprise, as for disgust. The companies make some profit by employing the women, and do their best to starve the men who kept the flag flying.

Stay at Home!

In face of the alluring and misleading literature which is still emanating from the officials of Australia House in London concerning the prospects for British emigrants in that country, we again warn ex-soldiers and others not to be fooled. It is no easier to find a house or a job in Australia than it is in this country, and children are in the way everywhere. Our strong advice, therefore, to those about to emigrate is—don't.

Experience.

An ex-British soldier, writing to us from Launceston, Tasmania, relates his own experience. He, his wife, and his young family have been out there for eight months, and are now, in his own words, "on the eve of starvation." Their furniture consists of four chairs, a table, and a bed. These have been hired on the instalment system. He is paying for them whenever he can earn a shilling. There are thousands of Australians out of work, and "men who have done their bit, at that." If the Australian Government can't find jobs for their own people, how does the British Overseas Committee expect them to find jobs for ours?

Flitwick's Wait and See.

In the little town of Flitwick in Beds, subscriptions were collected a long time ago for the erection of a Memorial to the local men who have fallen in the war. A resident informs us that the Memorial is as invisible as ever. "I really think," he says, "we are the slowest village in the kingdom. We have a dancing hall, a tennis court, a bowling green, and even a billiard room, but present indications are that this Memorial will never get erected." "Never" is much too far off. How long is it intended that Flitwick shall wait to see?

"God Save—"

Correspondents are emphasising and lamenting the indifference paid nowadays to the National Anthem. Very many people among inside audiences put on their hats and move out immediately the National Anthem is played; among outside audiences they do not trouble to take off their hats at all. When there was a war on, one scarcely ever saw this sort of thing. It looks as if peace, with its industrial unrest, had brought with it the marked indifference of many to good form in loyal citizenship.

Pook, Pugh!

There's a policeman at Barry, one Pugh, whose time seems to hang heavily on his hands. At any rate, he saw two little boys—one 11 and the other 9—playing with two ha'pennies, the only coins in their possession; so he hauled them before the magistracy for gaming. The boys were dismissed with a caution, and Pugh looks like an ass.

Shemasona.

We have always had the impression that every French Freemason had a mother who taught him to be cautious. It seems not so, for the Grand Lodge of France have decided to admit women into Freemasonry. By truth or tradition, women cannot keep a secret. If they become Freemasons and don't—well, they may prepare for the worst.

Fowl Conduct.

One of those East End Russians who, in the words of the London Magistrate who dealt with him, "come over here in shoals, enjoy all the privileges of this country, and consistently break the law," now knows that he must not starve fowls to-day because they are going to be killed to-morrow. This was, in fact, his plea when four fowls were found starving in one pen and five ducks (one dead) in another. The price of his delusion is a £20 fine and costs.

Commandeered.

Fulham is the first public authority we have heard of to apply its powers under the new Act to acquire, for the accommodation of working-class tenants, houses which have remained unlet for over three months. It is clear inference in these days that a house unlet for three months is being withheld from occupation because the owner awaits offers from somebody whom he hopes to fleece. There are scores of empty houses about, and we hope the example of Fulham will stimulate other local authorities.

Wicked Weymouth.

In Scotland ye maun no whistle on Sundays; in Weymouth, judging by a discussion in the local Council Chamber, you must not laugh. According to the protestants, comic songs have been introduced into the Sunday concerts run by the Corporation, and this has "given offence." Josh Billings defined laughing as the sensashun of pheeling good all over and showing it principally in one spot. If this is so it is difficult to understand why anybody in Weymouth should regard it as too wicked for Sundays. "From a wife who don't luv us, from fluky mutton, and tite bites, and from folk who won't laugh, good Lord deliver us."

An East Coast Peril.

Before it is too late, the officials of the National Lifeboat Institution should examine the conditions obtaining at Caister-on-Sea, which is one of their regular stations. During the holiday season visitors to Yarmouth, getting as far as the Caister beach, have been astonished to notice that on the occasions of practice launches it has sometimes taken two or three hours, with the willing assistance of volunteer helpers, to get the Caister lifeboat into the water, the reason being that at low tide the heavy boat has had to be propelled by muscular effort over some 40 yards of dry sand. In case of emergency this might be a fatal handicap.

"Ladies" and "Gentlemen."

Suggestion is made to us that a great deal of discomfort is caused to people—ladies especially—by the closing of the public conveniences on Clapham Common at 8.30 p.m., as about this time the audience is coming away from the band. No doubt the L.C.C. park authorities have good reasons for closing these places early in winter. In the summer evenings the same reasons can scarcely apply.

A Pathetic Plea.

Our strong opinion is that a man who, on reliable testimony, has "often gone without food in order to give it to his children" does not deserve six months' imprisonment when, by the pressure of poverty, he has been goaded into theft. Technically, we believe, the charge against John Hartley, sentenced at the Old Bailey, was that of "breaking and entering a dwelling house," but it appears that no great harm was done and the extenuating circumstances pleaded should have moved the mercy of the Bench.

A Colonial Grievance.

We are in receipt of an extensively signed petition from Northern Rhodesia, the gist of which seems to be that, although the farmers of Ghansis and other Crown reservations have no say whatever in local government, they are nevertheless heavily taxed—the "last straw" being a crushing new impost upon every head of cattle. This, our petitioners inform us, is "taxation without representation," which "lost us the American colonies." Perhaps the Colonial Secretary will be good enough to inform us what the real trouble is, and where the money goes.

Herbal Remedies.

In the main, the new Proprietary Medicines Bill should prove a useful measure, but a little more care might perhaps have been taken to safeguard the interests of bona fide herbalists and others dispensing simple remedies, harmless in themselves, and efficacious in the treatment of homely ailments. After all, the regular practitioner makes extensive use of herbal specifics, and it is hard to see why a shopkeeper dispensing the same concoctions under a proprietary title should be mulcted in pains and penalties. Dangerous quackery is another matter, for which no penalties can be too severe.

Boots and Bluff.

"Send only 6s. and a pair of repaired Army Boots will be sent by return." So runs the alluring advertisement of the International Army Boot Company, of 77, Stoke Newington Road, N., but, on our present information, we strongly advise bargain-hunters to give the firm a miss in baulk. A Manchester youngster, having parted with six shillings, was disgusted with the quality of the boots sent, and a few days later terrified out of his wits by the receipt of a "blue frightener" demanding a further 6s. 6d. In such circumstances, the wisest course is to send back the boots, treating subsequent "County Court Notices"—such is the impudent phrase employed!—with the contempt they deserve.

All Football Records Broken.

Although the football season is hardly yet in full swing, we have already paid out as much as £2,000 in connection with our first three competitions. Don't fail to fill up the free coupon on page iii. of cover.

THE BEACH MURDER.

"JOHN BULL" TO FIND THE COST OF DEFENDING THE ACCUSED MEN.

WE have decided to furnish the money for the defence of the two men now lying in Maidstone Gaol charged with the murder of pretty Irene Munro—the 17-years-old confidential clerk of a London firm of underwriters, who was foully done to death on the Crumbles, at Eastbourne, more than a month ago. That statement will occasion no surprise among those readers of JOHN BULL who have followed our policy and understand the motives which actuate us in public affairs. But lest there should be any doubt in the matter, we propose briefly to explain the position. There is no question, in the mind of any sane person, that this young girl was murdered in a most brutal manner. And it is to be hoped, in the interests of Justice, that the cruel criminals who battered life out of Irene Munro, and then hid the body 'neath the shingles of the foreshore, will be tried, sentenced, and made to suffer the extreme penalty of the law.

Need we say that in undertaking to defray the expenses of the defence of the two men who now stand charged with the crime, we do not in any way challenge the propriety of the arrest, or question the full right of the police to indict them for murder? Jack Alfred Field, aged nineteen, an ex-Naval man; and William Thomas Grey, a platelayer—both described as of no fixed abode—are the men to be defended. More than once they have been placed in the dock, and more than once remanded without any evidence being adduced in support of the charge. Doubtless the police have good and sufficient reasons for the action they have taken. We do not question or criticise.

But these men have so far been undefended. They are penniless; and no one has hitherto been instructed to represent them, and it was the fact of the public statement that Field lacked the funds to meet the fees of a solicitor who had been asked to act that induced us to intervene. In law—the merciful English law—a

man is assumed to be innocent until he is found guilty; until on a criminal indictment twelve "good men and true" have heard the evidence for and against, and have delivered their verdict. That is the English, the British way; and to ensure that these two men shall have justice—and no less and no more than justice—we have expressed our willingness to become responsible for the expenses of their defence.

It can be said with truth that this is but a development of the policy which JOHN BULL, through its Editor, has put forward in the House of Commons—viz., that for the protection of the innocent, and for the fullest satisfaction of the public conscience when an accused person is found guilty, the State should afford just as ample and effective facilities for defence of a prisoner as for his prosecution. Last May Mr. Bottomley introduced into Parliament his Bill "to create the office of a Public Defender"—backed, that is, supported, by men of all shades of political opinion, lawyers and laymen alike—Mr. Leslie Scott, K.C., Sir John Butcher, K.C., Mr. G. W. H. Jones, also a barrister, Sir Kingsley Wood (a solicitor), two representatives of Labour—Mr. Seddon and Mr. Clem Edwards—Mr. R. P. Houston and Mr. Charles Palmer.

In introducing his Bill, Mr. Bottomley explained that his object was to secure the establishment of a companion Department to that of the Public Prosecutor as an urgent and necessary step in the reform of our criminal procedure. In the course of his speech he said:

At the present time there is no provision whatever for the assistance of an accused person unable to provide for his own defence, except through the medium of an Act called the Poor Prisoners' Defence Act, 1903, which every member of the legal profession admits is a dead letter. When I say that the maximum fee to counsel for defending a prisoner under that Act

is £1 3s. 6d., with £2 2s. to the solicitor, it is not remarkable that members of the profession are not interested in it. The object of this Bill is to appoint a Public Defender, who under proper regulations and safeguards shall have the power, when he thinks it right and just, to intervene in the interests of a person charged with some criminal offence.

Many members of the legal profession who are jealous of the humane workings of British criminal law, agree with us that this reform is long overdue. It is to be hoped that when the House of Commons resumes, next month, the Government may be induced to give further facilities for the discussion of the measure, and that it may, in due course, find its place in the Statute Book. But in the meantime accused persons—often without friends and funds—find themselves at a grievous disadvantage in preparing a defence. Twice the men accused of the murder of Irene Munro have protested in Court against the failure of the police to bring any evidence to support the charge against them; and, on the second occasion, a letter was read from the Rev. F. Corbett, of St. Philip's Church, Eastbourne, saying that eight guineas was needed by a solicitor to represent Field—who, we know, is penniless.

It is because of the fact that these men, awaiting trial on the capital charge, are without the means to furnish a defence, or to instruct lawyers to act in their interests, that we have stepped in to play, as far as may be, the part of Public Defender—a part which we hope at no distant date will be properly and mercifully performed by the State. We repeat, we hold, and can hold, no opinion of the guilt or innocence of these men. They are indicted for murder; all we are helping to secure for them is such a trial as the law desires should be forthcoming, and such a trial as cannot be secured without money.

CRIPPLES OF THE PIT.

HOW THE MINERS TREAT THEIR VETERANS OF INDUSTRY.

A Tyne Dock, South Shields, collier who has worked underground for forty years and has been a member of the Durham Miners' Association since commencing work, ought to know what he is talking about. All his time, it has been the custom, so he says, to make a collection every pay day for any person injured in or about the mines. He himself fell off from work through "miner's blindness." There were then nine in his family. The Army and Navy took the two eldest boys and both were lost. There were no other workers in the house, except one, married, and unable to assist. The total income of the family was 35s. a week; and this crooked man's compensation from the Durham and Northumberland Miners' Permanent Relief Fund was 8s. a week. To this fund the miners now pay 10d. a week. This is a rise of 7d. since pre-war days. The "relief" benefit still remains the same, however: 5s. a week for the first six months and 8s. a week afterwards till 65, when it again drops to 5s. For this relief "you pay into that fund when you commence work and you continue to pay it till you are dead." The advance in the contributions has gone to augment official salaries, which have increased about 200 per cent. The poor and sick dependent stays where he was. Do they intend to increase the pittance of their fellow-members of the Union who are cripples of the pit? Not by a stiver!

A POLICE BLUNDER.

MADE WORSE BY THE MAGISTRATES' COLD THOUGHTLESSNESS.

Acton police have made a grave and stupid blunder, aggravated by inept remarks from the local Bench of Magistrates. Abraham C. Jones, maker of sweets, of Chiswick, was charged with loitering for betting purposes in Acton Vale. A constable swore that Jones, who was with two men, was approached by others, who handed him pieces of paper. One man, he said, wrote something on a newspaper and handed it to Jones. Searched at the station, only 5s. in money was found on him, and some pieces of paper relating to sweets—no betting slips or papers whatever. His explanation was quite simple and should have been convincing. He met a man whom he was trying to assist to start a sweetstuff business, and, when arrested, was figuring out the price of chocolates, wholesale and retail, for him. Jones is a prominent person in Acton, known to nearly everybody—is a member of the Salvation Army, and has never in his long life had anything to do with the betting business. Yet the Chairman of the Bench said he "could quite understand the police arresting defendant in the circumstances. The whole thing was suspicious. Jones was discharged." The character of Jones surely blew away any suspicion that might even have arisen. Whatever may be our views of the Salvation Army, we decline to believe that street bookmakers are among its most trusted members.

A ST. LEGER INCIDENT.

POST OFFICE ARBITRARY INTERFERENCE WITH PRIVATE MAIL.

In an effort to assist their comrades plunged into distress by the withdrawal of the Out-of-Work Donation, the Midland Division of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers organised a big sweepstake on the famous "St. Ledger" race, as many as 40,000 circulars being sent through the post without the faintest protest from the Post Office authorities. The entries received totalling some 17,000, it was arranged, to save expense, that the posting of the result should serve as a receipt for subscriptions, and upon this understanding the draw took place at Dudley on August 30th, when it was found that the needy comrades of the Federation would benefit to the extent of £5,000. Meanwhile 17,000 circulars were prepared acquainting subscribers with the result of the draw, this heavy mail being collected in three or four instalments by a postman specially detailed for the duty by the Dudley Post Office. It was not until they were bombarded with angry letters and telegrams from all parts of the country that the Committee discovered the fact that the Post Office authorities had taken it upon themselves to impound the whole of these letters, thus casting unfounded suspicions upon the officials of the Federation! If the provisions of the Lotteries Act are to be employed to impede such philanthropic efforts, the thing should be done openly.

A WRONG APPOINTMENT.

SCOTCH EDUCATION COMMITTEE IN A FIX.

The Fife Education Authority says it still fails to understand why the Scottish Board of Health refuses to ratify its appointment of Dr. Krause as School Medical Officer. Its understanding must be weak. The Chairman said that in all his twenty years' experience he had never known such a refusal. Mr. Izatt scored with the apt retort that there had been but one war with Germany in those twenty years. More common sense came from Baillie Smart, who said he would back a Scotsman every time against a remorselessly scientific German. Mr. John Bolan termed that a piece of nonsense, and also cried shame on the Baillie when he referred to the German origin of Dr. Krause, who, he alleged, was drawing his salary although his appointment had not been confirmed. The Baillie wanted the post advertised once more as vacant. That would give a chance to the medical men who served in the Army, and who were turned down by the Fife Education Authority when it began to pet its Dr. Krause. The Committee still hopes to persuade the Board of Health to approve of Dr. Krause. And we still hope it will do nothing of the kind.

THE GREAT INSURANCE FRAUD.

CONSUMPTIVE'S RELATIVES' ASTONISHING BILL.

Many of us can recall the sweet assurance regarding the "rare and refreshing fruit" of National Health Insurance. Alas for the vanity of human hopes! Take a concrete example. In the Brighton Poor Law Institution a poor girl, 20 years of age, died recently from consumption. As an insured person, she ought, of course, to have been sent to a sanatorium, to one of those "palaces of health" that figured in the wonderful tale of prophecy, but—well, she wasn't, and the Institution at Brighton was perhaps the next best thing. But as soon as she entered the Brighton Institution, her "disablement benefit" under the Insurance Act was stopped, going, apparently, towards the cost of her maintenance in the Poor Law Infirmary; nevertheless, since her death the Guardians have presented a further bill for £3 8s. 7d., the callous officials actually declining to hand over the poor girl's clothes to her broken-hearted mother until their ghouliah claim is satisfied. What a monstrous shame!

A VANISHED CONGREGATION.

SCANDAL FOR THE BISHOP'S ATTENTION.

There is a terrible how d'ye do at Birdinbury, Warwickshire, where Rector and flock are at sad loggerheads. On a recent Sunday morning the congregation consisted of the organist and a churchwarden, while in the evening not a soul appeared. We very strongly suggest that the Bishop should hold an immediate inquiry to see whether the present deadlock cannot be removed and an effective "cure of souls" established. Meanwhile, lest the Rector, the Rev. A. C. G. Church, should be too harshly judged, it may in fairness be remembered that the Birdinbury "living" is worth less than £150 per annum, out of which paltry stipend the incumbent is expected to keep up an expensive dwelling-house, of which he would gladly be rid if only the parishioners would consent. In fine, it is just one of those cases in which the parsimony of "the richest Church in Christendom" has spelt ruin and disaster to all concerned. If the living of Birdinbury, with no more than 200 parishioners, can afford only this starvation pittance, it should be merged with others, and suitable alternative employment found the Rector. In this common-sense direction it is for the Bishop to move.



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TEA AND COFFEE "PLANTERS."

"ROYAL" RAMP THAT SHOULD SOON COLLAPSE

That there is something in a name is evidently the opinion of a concern carrying on business at 11, Swallow Street, Piccadilly, under the lofty style and title of the "Royal Tea Planters' Association." As a matter of fact, the address 11, Swallow Street, W., is that of a small newsagent's shop, the proprietor of which has never even heard of the "Royal Tea Planters" beyond having their letters dropped in his doorway. Meanwhile our information shows that the actual business of the Association is that of touting for tea and coffee orders in suburban districts, the quality of the goods supplied being ridiculously below the heavy prices charged. Perhaps the worst feature of the business is the Association's unscrupulous pretence of benefiting the ex-Service man, the canvassers' usual tale being that "none but wounded and blinded soldiers are employed," while the packets of tea, retailed at 7s. 6d. a lb., are boldly stamped "Packed by Blind and Wounded Soldiers' Department." Suburban housewives should be on their guard against these tricky touts.

AN UNWOMANLY OFFENCE.

GRAVE CRUELTY CHARGE AGAINST "LADY" ARTIST

Miss Mary Stewart Robinson, a 50-year-old woman, described as an artist, was charged at Cambridge the other day with cruelty to an aged pony, the defence being a point blank denial, which the Magistrates very properly declined to accept. The poor animal was 18 years of age and "lazy," so it was said; in other words, it was getting beyond long journeys or heavy work, and when it failed to drag this wretched woman's carcass as fast as she desired, she thrashed it so unmercifully with the whip that an R.S.P.C.A. Inspector was compelled to interfere. At the Cambridge Borough Police Court, Miss Robinson's solicitor wanted the case heard in private, so as, if possible, to hide his client's disgrace behind closed doors; but the Magistrates, to their credit decided for an open hearing, and in the ears of the public the full story of the woman's brutality was unfolded. Still, cruelty is a cheap sport, especially when the offender is a "lady," and, although the Inspector repeated his assertion that the pony had been "furiously beaten," Miss Robinson escaped with a fine of 20s. and costs. By the way, we should like to know why, as the offender did not appear to answer the charge, the case was allowed to proceed in her absence. The information being distinctly of a criminal nature, would not the proper course have been to issue a warrant for her arrest?

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MY RECOLLECTIONS OF THE LAW—VII.

IN THE BANKRUPTCY COURT—A BOLD STEP—TRIUMPHANT RETURN TO PARLIAMENT.

BY HORATIO BOTTOMLEY, M.P.

I PREFACED these Recollections by a reference to the dread with which the ordinary citizen regards the prospect of having to appear in a Court of Law, and I am not sure that the Bankruptcy Court hasn't the greatest terror for him of all. And yet it is the fact that this particular branch of the Judicature was devised for the "relief of insolvent debtors." Indeed, so solicitous is it of this duty, that whenever in the course of a bankruptcy it appears that the debtor has been guilty of misconduct or certain technical offences, his creditors are not allowed to receive any sum which his friends may be willing to provide in order to annul the bankruptcy. Thus are they penalised for the misdeeds of their debtor! All that, however, by the way. I merely wished to comfort nervous insolvents.

FIRST EXPERIENCE.

It was in 1891—after the collapse of the Hansard Union—that I first made the acquaintance of the Bankruptcy Court. I was very much embarrassed at the time, and I decided to obtain what is called a Receiving Order, for the protection of my estate. I had placed my affairs in the hands of a Bankruptcy expert, and together we went round to the Court—then in Portugal Street, Lincoln's Inn—with the Petition. After a short interval, we were ushered into the room of Mr. Registrar Hope, whom I at once recognised as the late private secretary of the Lord Chancellor—dear old Halsbury, now in his ninety-eighth year. We exchanged glances of mutual recognition, for the last occasion upon which we had previously met was at the Mansion House during the Lord Mayoralty of Sir Henry Isaacs, when we had sat up well into the early morning hours, whilst he and our host entertained us with song. The Order was soon made, and I was temporarily liberated from a sea of litigation. I was, however, desirous of avoiding actual bankruptcy—which a Receiving Order does not necessarily involve—and for two years I was engaged in a single-handed struggle with the Court. My case had been assigned to Mr. Registrar Giffard, a brother of Lord Halsbury, and one of the finest old fellows I have ever met. He must have been close on ninety when, a few years ago, he was called to a higher Court—peace to his soul! First there came my Public Examination, over which he presided, and in connection with which I was confronted with the whole of the Bankruptcy Bar. Then application after application was made for my adjudication—all of which I successfully resisted. Giffard was always sympathetic—so was the Official Receiver of my estate, the late Mr. George Wreford—who, in after years, became one of the trustees of the Quarter-Million Fund which I set apart for the relief of Hansard Union sufferers! And thus I succeeded in keeping my end up, with a view to carrying through what is called a Scheme of Arrangement, which would have the effect of rescinding the Receiving Order. For all this time I was contemporaneously fighting my way through other Courts in connection with the liquidation of the Hansard Union and its allied companies—being constantly before Mr. Justice Vaughan Williams, who was then the "Winding-Up" and Bankruptcy Judge—whom I succeeded in convincing of my integrity, and from whom I ultimately obtained release.

A VISIT TO THE JUDGE.

It came about in this way. I had secured the necessary approval of my creditors of a scheme I had submitted, and it only remained for the Court to sanction it. But the Court, in these matters of Bankruptcy, means the Registrar. And with all my respect for Mr. Giffard, I felt

that my proposal was so intimately interwoven with the affairs of the companies whose liquidation was being carried out under the direction of Mr. Justice Vaughan Williams, that it would be impossible to make it intelligible to anybody but his lordship. Then an idea occurred to me.

A BOLD STEP.

As already explained, his Lordship was also the Bankruptcy Judge, although by the provisions of the Bankruptcy Act the making and rescinding of Receiving Orders, the granting of Discharges, and similar things, were vested in the Registrars. I found, however, that this was merely a deputed, and permissible, jurisdiction—designed to relieve the Judge of such work. And as Mr. Justice Vaughan Williams knew all about the matters covered by my scheme, I decided upon the bold and unique step of asking him to personally hear the application for its approval. But we were, by this time, within ten days of the rising of the Courts for the Long Vacation—and the Judge was on Circuit, at Derby! All undismayed, to Derby I went. I found his Lordship presiding over the criminal side of the Assizes, whilst Mr. Justice Wright was taking the civil causes. I sat in Court and listened to a variety of cases, the last of which was that of an old man of seventy, who had spent twenty years of his life in gaol, and was again "up" for thieving. He was found guilty, and at eight o'clock at night the Court rose, sentence being deferred till the morning. My next step was to make my way to the "Judge's Lodgings," as they are called, and I was soon there. Having explained to the Clerk the nature of my business, I was told to come early the following morning—which I did, and was ushered into the dining-room, where I found the two Judges at breakfast. After some discussion, I was directed to renew the application in London, with an intimation that unless strong objections were urged by the Official Receiver, the case should be taken on the last day of the Sittings. "Is there anything else I can do for you?" asked the kindly Judge as I was leaving the room. That gave me an opportunity I had been yearning for. "Yes, my Lord," I said, "there is. *Don't send that old man to prison again.*" And then we entered upon a discussion of the psychology of crime—Mr. Justice Wright, between his sips of coffee, joining in. And, at its close, Vaughan Williams suggested that I should go direct to the Court and hear the sentence pronounced. Well, that old man did not go back to gaol. He was "bound over"—after one of the most eloquent addresses I have ever listened to from the Bench—and the Police reported three months later that he had become a reformed character! In due course my scheme came before the Court (I omit many technical details of interest only to lawyers) and was sanctioned; the Receiving Order was annulled, and I obtained a Certificate to the effect that no offences or misconduct of any kind had been proved against me. Well, that was Bankruptcy experience Number One.

MY SECOND EXPERIENCE.

For some years there was a lull. I had become one of the pioneers of Western Australian gold mining, and was, at one time, little short of being a millionaire. But I had a fatal pride in my undertakings, and when reefs began to " peter out " and shares began to fall, I ignored the advice, and the example, of seasoned and cynical old financiers to " let markets take care of themselves," and set about buying everything which was offered—even by the professional " bears," men who, in the old days, made a living by selling shares they didn't possess, in the hope of depressing the price and " buying back

cheap." The result was that I found myself in a veritable whirlpool of financial trouble, and almost every day I was fighting before the Bankruptcy Registrars—until, after successfully resisting some two hundred and fifty Petitions, I decided, in December, 1911, to make a clean cut of it. I accordingly applied for a Receiving Order—the application again coming before Mr. Registrar Hope, just twenty years after the previous one to which I have already referred. Claims to the extent of nearly half a million were lodged against me—and in the following May, I " applied for the Stewardship of Chiltern Hundreds " (which is the technical way of resigning from Parliament), consented to an Adjudication, set to work to expunge many disputed claims—and to pay the rest in full.

TRIUMPHANT RETURN TO PARLIAMENT.

All this I succeeded in doing by the day before that fixed for nominations at the last General Election of 1918—and the following morning I was at the Hackney Town Hall, with my papers all in order; and a few weeks later I was once more Member of Parliament for South Hackney, with an eight thousand majority over an opponent who had been assiduously " nursing " the constituency for several years. But these things were not done without a struggle. As an illustration of the kind of difficulty I had to contend with, I will just mention the fight I had with the great Prudential Assurance Company. In connection with an abortive libel action, they had become my creditors for a sum of £1,500 in respect of costs, and exercising their right to appear at my Public Examination, they set apart a huge staff to investigate the whole of my career, and then briefed Mr. Astbury, K.C., and Mr. McCardie—both of them now Judges—to turn me inside out. Coming on the top of the examination by the Official Receiver, which had lasted several days, Mr. Astbury was at it for the best part of a week—and I estimate that the entertainment must have cost the Prudential at least £5,000. Well, it is all over now, and I bear the learned Judge no ill-will. In accordance with the best traditions of the Bench, he has consistently declined to hear any case in which I have been in any way concerned, and I venture to hope that it was a source of satisfaction to him that at a later stage, when annulling the bankruptcy, the Court found that there was no justification for any of the hundreds of charges he had been instructed to allege.

AN ASTBURY STORY.

As to Mr. McCardie, he never evinced the slightest sign of personal animosity towards me. I rather fancy that, as an experienced *nisi prius* man (Astbury, of course, was a great Chancery leader), he saw through the game, and rather enjoyed the sport. Just an amusing story. Soon after these happenings, I was at Harrogate, and entering my hotel one evening, I met, in the hall, an old House of Commons friend, Scott Dickson, who had by that time become President of the Scottish Court of Appeal, or something of that kind. With him were Astbury and one or two other legal big-wigs. Greeting me warmly, Dickson—with delightful disingenuousness—said " I think you know Astbury "—who had just been made a Judge—but his Lordship became deeply interested in the conversation of one of the party, and I made for the lift. Cold-blooded fellows, these Chancery chaps!

(Future chapters will deal with Judges I have known—Counsel I have met—Shady solicitors—Why I did not go to the Bar—A grave judicial scandal, and other subjects.)

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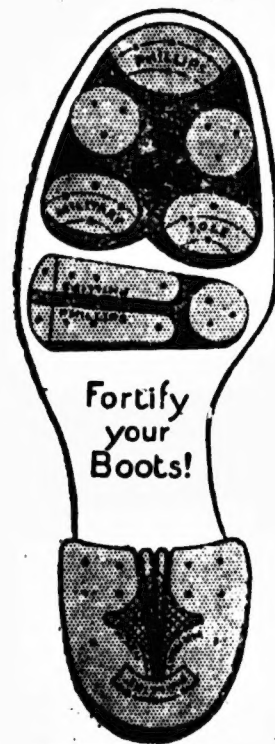
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To the Stipendiary Magistrate, Wolverhampton.

YOUR WORSHIP,—You omitted to earn any part of your stipend when you had before you George Albert Thomas, aged 20, of 22, Cherry Street, Wolverhampton, charged with an indecent assault on a girl of 12. The young beast prowled into the school playground to molest the child, and the Education Committee pleaded for protection for its scholars. You failed to afford that protection, for you accepted a plea of common assault, and bound over the nasty young scamp for six months—"in view of his educational prospects." I suppose he is running for some exam., and you seemed more careful for his educational "prospects" than for those of the little schoolgirl he assaulted. I don't like it. JOHN BULL.

To Bailie Robertson, Edinburgh City Police Court.

DEAR BAILIE,—Some of your Scottish cadis are setting a much-needed example to Magistrates such as his Worship of Wolverhampton. When a blackguard named Somerville was convicted of disgusting behaviour towards two young women in the street, you declined to accept the specious plea raised on his behalf, and awarded the maximum penalty of 60 days' imprisonment. Such just severity stands in impressive contrast to the disgraceful leniency I have so often had to complain of in cases of this kind. I wish some of our southern Justices would take a leaf out of your book, and invoke the sternest terrors of the law against those who prey upon the honour of defenceless girls. JOHN BULL.

To Councillor Thos. Sauvage, Mayor of Wrexham.

DEAR YOUR WORSHIP,—I suppose that in theory the Mayor of a town is entitled to give a "civic welcome" to any Tom, Dick or Harry who happens along for the week-end; but my idea is that in such matters he should behave with a certain sense of public responsibility. A moment's reflection should have served to warn you that to confer this honour upon Messrs. Smillie and Hodges, just because they were addressing a meeting in Wrexham, would be to place yourself in a false position and antagonise a large section of public opinion. JOHN BULL.

To Victor A. Earncliffe, Lea Road, Highbury.

EARNCLIFFE,—The inquest on Miss Lily Stokes, the unfortunate typist who ended her life by jumping off Beachy Head, reveals you as a cad of the deepest dye. You sweet-hearted this girl, betrayed her, and got her enceinte; thenceforward you showed a callous indifference to her anxiety and shame, and a caddish evasion of your obligation and your duty. Your most practical suggestion to her was that she should continue at her employment for "a couple of months"; your most soothing, not that you would marry her, but that you would "see what best could be done." I agree with the jury that your conduct deserves the highest censure. JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. E. Lewis Blood, Vicar of St. Stephen's, Birmingham.

MY DEAR VICAR,—Your frantic appeals in the local Press for funds in support of the work of St. Stephen's parish suggest one or two pertinent inquiries. First of all, I should like to know what you have spent on advertising up to date, and what the net proceeds have been. Then there was that little affair with your late housekeeper, who you say burnt or otherwise destroyed a number of cheques and postal orders. Add to all this that on your own showing only 20 or so of your 12,000 parishioners come to church, even though you go into the "pubs." to fetch them, and I am afraid it must be confessed you are hardly a brilliant success as a "sky pilot." Perhaps you would have done better as a plumber. JOHN BULL.

To the Governors, Royal Infirmary, Derby.

GENTLEMEN,—Though I suppose you have not a lot of money to spend or any to waste, I am wondering whether you have ever given a thought as to what you can do to better the lot of porters in your employment. The wages paid are very low, and the hours—one Sunday 16 hours to qualify for leave the Sunday following—are very long. Put on your thinking caps, gentlemen, will you? JOHN BULL.

To Mr. Councillor Story, Ketton, Lincs.

DEAR COUNCILLOR,—It appears that your Council are putting up some new cottages at Ketton, and there was a lively discussion recently as to whether there should be taps over the sinks or whether the tenants should fetch their water from stand-pipes in the street. Personally, I am surprised that the Ministry of Health should leave you any choice in the matter. Apparently, however, they do, and you stood for the stand-pipes; it would be cheaper, you thought, and it was as well "not to pamper the tenants too much." For my part, I have only to say that in these days a cottage without its own water supply is a blot on civilisation, and people who talk as you do should be transported to Timbuctoo or shunted back to the Middle Ages. JOHN BULL.

To Mrs. Elsa Hardy Harris, Woodway, Devon.

DEAR LADY,—Although witnesses in police courts are sworn to tell the truth, "the whole truth, and nothing but the truth," they occasionally forget it, especially when they happen to be policemen. Perhaps, therefore, you will allow me to say that the act of leaving your car in the roadway outside Teignmouth Pier, for which you were recently fined £1, was really no offence at all in spirit and intention, but rather a piece of womanly kindness. The car stood there because you were entertaining a party of wounded soldiers from the Exeter hospitals, and, owing to the condition of some of them, it was possible that medical assistance might have to be hastily summoned. I am further informed that out of the goodness of your heart you have given no less than 23 entertainments of this kind, from which 5,000 soldiers have benefited. And I think people should know it. JOHN BULL.

A Spurious Symposium - "Gentlewomen of the Jury."

Had we addressed the following question to the undermentioned celebrities, nonentities, and notabilities, we should have expected to receive the appended replies:

"Do you approve of the inclusion of women on juries?"

MR. JUSTICE DARLING: Certainly not! Women, lacking a sense of humour, would fail to appreciate the point of my joke, and might, in consequence, arrive at a verdict opposed to my summing up.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (F. E. Smith): If I were still pleading I should say emphatically, yes! I wasn't a bad looking young fellow when practising at the Bar, and—er—had a bit of a way with me where the sex was concerned. With women in the jury box, I would have guaranteed to win my case every time.

MISS MARIE CORELLI: Women on juries? Most certainly. In my opinion all courts of justice should be run entirely by women—women on the bench, in the jury box, in the seats reserved for counsel, at the solicitors' table—in short, the entire administration of the

law should be handed over to women. Men would then receive the justice they deserve, for women know very well that they are always guilty, whatever the evidence may prove or fail to prove.

BART KENNEDY: Women on juries? They would put the men through it. God forbid that I should be brought up before a jury of women. They would put me through it. Guilty or not, I should be put through it.

"A PERFECT LADY": Wot? Wimmin on the jury? No fear! Wot chance would the likes o' me stand? I know 'ow wimmin judges wimmin. Like cats. They 'aven't no mercy. Give me a jury o' men. They make allowances. They think of their mothers an' sisters an' wives, an' give us a chance if they can. I tell yer, if there's wimmin on the jury the nex' time I'm brought up, I shall object. Wot, be judged by a parcel o' wimmin no better'n meself, if you only knew it? Not me!

GEORGE ROBEY, O.B.E.: The next time I am tried for murder I shall refuse to stay in court if there should be any women in the jury

box. Wot I meanter say, someone would bring that Henery the Eighth business up against me, and I shouldn't stand an earthly.

MR. SPEAKER: My recent experience in the House of Commons, since the advent of a certain lady Member who shall be nameless, prejudices me against the presence of women in the jury box.

SIR JOYNSON HICKS: Don't ask me! There won't be a seat left for a man anywhere presently.

MR. ROBERT SMILLIE: There is such a strong opposition amongst the miners' womenfolk with respect to the coal strike that I am inclined to think it was a mistake to allow women to leave their proper domestic sphere, and intrude in matters of high policy. They are utterly unfitted to sit on juries. I should be sorry to have to be tried by a jury of matrons. Instead of appreciating the high, communistic ideals by which I am actuated, they would see only the cold hearthstone with which I threaten them. I should expect no mercy.

MR. OWEN NARES: Women on juries? Why not? I have always got on excellently with the fair sex.

SIR EDWARD CARSON: It makes no difference to me. I have kissed the Blarney Stone,

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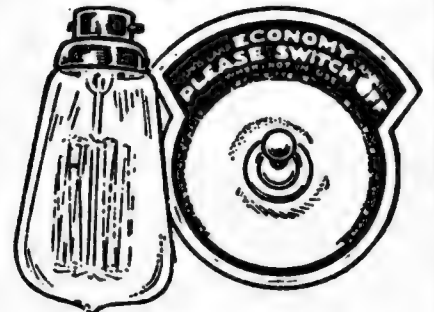
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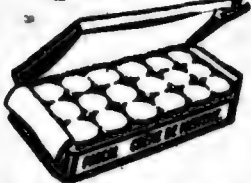


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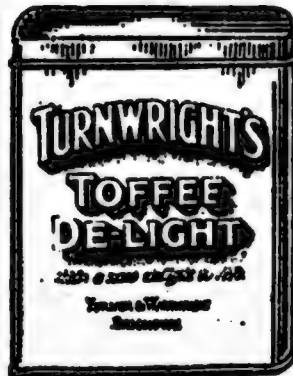
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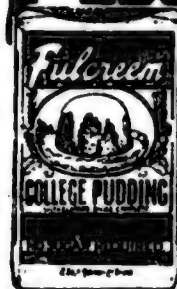
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The NATIONAL NEWS takes national views—every Sunday.

IF Mr. Smillie and his hot-headed friends are determined to challenge the community by insisting upon a Coal Strike, they will bring misery to millions and help their masters, Lenin and Trotsky, towards the realisation of their declared purpose—"heavy civil war" in Great Britain and the break-up of the Empire. Leaving aside for a moment the "merits" of the dispute with the Government—not with the mine-owners, mark you, for the collieries are controlled and the Government, as representing the nation, are the other parties to the dispute—is it not plain that the Lansbury-Smillie gang, who have long been spoiling for a fight, are anxious to try conclusions with the forces of law and order? For, let us all realise that if the miners are forced by their leaders to show fight—and "no compromise" is to be the "slogan" of the coalfields—all the resources of the State will be used against those who now hold a pistol to the head of the People. And the State is not yet bankrupt, nor is the Government a loser so long as it has the nation behind it. Is the issue to be joined? Won't the men and their wives yet call a halt and save themselves and their country from a fight which, whatever the outcome, will mean untold suffering and undreamed-of trouble? At the time of going to press, the grave question of whether or not we are to have the strike—with all its attendant evils—is still in the balance. Whether, however, it comes or not, in no way alters my view that it is time for the general community to protest against these everlastingly recurring threats—dislocating, as they do, the whole industrial machinery of the country, frightening capital, crippling enterprise, and driving trade abroad. I am, of course, fully aware that these may be the very objects of Mr. Smillie and his friends, who have already told us that it is their policy to take advantage of every industrial trouble to further the cause of Socialism and Soviet government. But do not let us confuse such a scheme with a *bona fide* trade dispute, and, above all, let us be on our guard against the trickery and fraud of these strike ballots. How the Press and the Government swallow the official figures passes my comprehension. My letter-bag teems with revelations as to the manner in which the recent miners' vote was taken.

The Fraudulent Ballot.

One correspondent, for instance, tells me that to his knowledge many men had several voting papers given them, under various pretexts, and that no steps whatever were taken to see that they were not all filled up. Others point out that no kind of privacy attached to the poll, and that in some pits nine out of ten of the men—and all the boys—filled up their papers in accordance with the directions of their leaders. "One man, to my certain knowledge," says a correspondent, "filled up four papers and placed them in the box, whilst others picked up papers in the road, and, although they had voted before, also filled these up." I will give one letter as illustrating many:—

The miners' ballot has just been taken and at the colliery here has resulted in a 4 to 1 majority in favour of a strike. On a question so momentous, involving so many workers in other industries, the haphazard way the ballot is taken is both unfair and unjust. Boys without responsibility, who are always ready for "some holidays," are allowed to vote. Ballot papers are dished out by committeemen just like handbills in the street—some people get one, some get more—with nothing to hinder the men who distribute them from getting as many as they wish. By keeping your eye open walking home you can usually pick up one or two. They are placed in a box unlocked and unsealed, taken away and counted by the men who are always supposed to stand by the Labour leaders, Smillie and Co., with none of the "opposition" to keep watch. Really this is disgraceful. An important ballot like this should at least be taken with as much care and fairness as the election of a Councillor or an M.P.

And yet, in face of this kind of thing, Mr. Smillie has the hypocrisy to simulate indignation at finding that at the Trade Union Congress votes are manipulated in the interests of various groups—as though he had made a great discovery! Again and again has this journal commented on the evil practices incidental to the block vote,

STRIKING STRIKE

"What About Saturday, Missus?" — The B
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and I am not at all impressed by the fact that Mr. Thomas, the President of the Congress, "pointed out the serious nature of the charge," and that, "if it were true, certain men would be disqualified from sitting on the Parliamentary Committee." I should like it much better if my right hon. friend, would also proclaim that if the revelations as to the slipshod and irregular manner in which the recent miners' ballot was taken are well-founded, the threatened strike should be declared off—pending, at any rate, the taking of a fresh vote under proper supervision.

A Crime Against the Nation.

Messrs. Smillie & Co. object to the profit made upon the sale of export coal being paid to the Treasury in reduction of general taxation, and claim that a portion of it should be applied to an increase in miners' wages, and the balance to lowering the price of coal to the domestic consumer. There may be subsidiary points of dispute, but they are of a technical character, which the general public does not understand. Taking the main question, however, is there any necessity to emphasise the fact that, if it can be shown that miners are not adequately remunerated for their dangerous work, no section of the community will begrudge them a further increase of wage? When, however, Mr. Smillie tells us that such wage does not average more than 30s. a week, he is talking absolute tosh—and I challenge him to justify his statement. And, at the same time, I ask him to explain his admission in his interview with the Coal Controller, in July, that "it is possible now to increase the output very considerably." If this be so, then



This was the question that puzzled the dog.
As he sat with the bone in his teeth on the log:

KE REVELATIONS.

Bogus Ballot — Smillie's Simulated Shock.
EDITOR.

whoever is responsible for the limitation of output is, in existing circumstances, a traitor not only to his country, but also to his class. Nobody wishes the miners, working in the bowels of the earth, to lead the lives of slaves, and there is no legitimate expense necessary for their safety and comfort which the Government should begrudge. Subject to these stipulations, however, it should be a condition of any further concession of any kind that the mines should be worked to full capacity, so that we should no longer witness such a tragedy as the importation of American coal into Swansea. As regards the balance of the profit upon export coal, what on earth has its application to do with Mr. Smillie and his crowd? Heaven knows, it is rough on the poor that in the coming winter months the price of coal should be so high as to render it well-nigh impossible for many of them to obtain it—but that is a problem for Parliament to solve, and not one to be exploited for sinister purposes by the apostles of Anarchy and Revolution. I say deliberately that the interests of the miners constitute a purely secondary consideration with these men.

Smillie's Damning Admission.

Let me quote from Smillie's presidential address, at the Geneva Congress, last August: "We can no longer be satisfied merely with securing fewer hours of labour, higher wages, and legislation for safety in the mines. In the future, we must aim at freeing ourselves from capitalistic control and securing the working of the mines for the nation." And yet, as I pointed out, last week, by a most unfortunate slip of the tongue, he has just admitted

that "the condition of the miners under Government control is infinitely worse than under that of private ownership." With Smillie, it is a case of "Let us all be equal, and I'll be King." For, referring again to the interview with the Coal Controller, I find him saying: "If you give me all the mines to manage, I will get you a far larger output." Imagine giving Smillie all the mines to manage! They would be bankrupt in a month.

Echo Answers "Why"?

Why doesn't some Co-operative Society or Trade Union possessing the necessary funds, buy up one of the mines and give us an object-lesson in syndicalist management? The experiment has already been tried in the case of the slate quarries, and the result should be a warning. But even this would be, in a sense, "capitalist control." What Smillie apparently wants is to take over the ownership and control of the mines without any capitalist element of any kind in them; and I should like to ask him where the first week's wages would come from if sufficient coal had not been won and sold and paid for by Friday night. I rather fancy he would be busy knocking at the capitalist's door on Saturday morning, urging him to return to the counting-house. Reverting to the Geneva Conference, I do not think sufficient notice has been taken of the significant fact that, when Smillie moved that "the International should be altered, so that in the event of another menace of war miners could immediately cause another general strike," the German delegate, Herr Hue, "whilst agreeing with the principle of the motion," asked that "the matter should be referred to a Special Commission for discussion." I fancy I see the German collieries shutting down when the Hun considers the time ripe for another challenge to Europe! Hence the cold-shoulder given to Smillie's declaration that "miners will shortly become the greatest power in the world, and, by united action, such as a general strike, could prevent all future wars." This is the sort of thing which is at the back of the present dispute—and the sooner the public understands it the better.

"What about Saturday, Missus?"

But, above all, I want the women to understand. I am too well aware that the conditions of life in many mining districts are still appalling, and I would not object to the men's leaders making it a condition of increased output that the Housing Problem in such districts was at once taken vigorously in hand; although here, again, we are up against another Trade Union difficulty in the refusal of the building trade to recognise further dilution of labour. Still, that is a matter which the Unions must settle between themselves. But, coming back to the women, let me remind them it was they who last spring averted a strike, and I call upon them once more to exercise their power. Scores and scores of letters have I received from them, and no good purpose would be served by concealing their general purport—which is that, despite all recent increases in pay, they are little better off, as "the master" gives them scarcely any more for housekeeping, to meet the higher cost of living—with the result that there is no real amelioration in their home conditions. Some of these letters are most pitiful in tone, and I am certain that if a ballot were taken of the miners' wives, there would be no question of a strike. Meanwhile, it is sinful on the part of Mr. Smillie and his friends to inflict suffering upon these patient, all-enduring women and their children—even in the cause of those Utopian ideals propounded at the Geneva Conference. To the miners' wives and womenfolk generally, therefore, I say: "What about Saturday, Missus, if your man is out of work?" Think that over, and as you think let your eye rest upon those little children around you—whose plaintive cries for food, unless wise counsels prevail within the next few days, will soon be rending your heartstrings. And winter is coming. As regards the thoughtless boys who, in a spirit of mere devilry, had filled up the ballot papers for a strike—and, for that matter, as regards, too, many an honest fellow who has been misled by the wild claptrap of irresponsible and revolutionary leaders—I ask you to reason with them as only a woman can. But should the strike come—which God forbid!—then, as I said to the railway strikers a year ago, "Father, forgive them—they know not what they do!"



"Now would it be wiser to let well alone,
Or drop this and dive for that Bolshevik bone?"

AT the end of a hard week's work, during which he handles hundreds of pounds in cash, an ex-Soldier engaged in collecting rents, receives the total sum of £3. He takes this poorly paid job, because he has "no alternative"; but the job would be better paid if rate collectors were organised.

Brain and Muscle.

Although the manual workers have seized many of the largest Italian engineering and industrial plants, they are finding great difficulty in running the factories, because of the opposition of the technical staffs, bookkeepers and other clerical workers. Labour in Italy now realises that it is dependent on the brain worker. When will the black-coated man meet with equal appreciation in England?

Teachers in Distress.

Among the most hopeless Silent Sufferers are numbers of those worthy women who have hitherto managed to earn a modest livelihood by teaching very young children. Under the rise in rents—many such premises are not covered by the Act—the small private school proprietors are finding that they cannot make ends meet and numbers have to give up the struggle, to find themselves unable to earn their daily bread.

The Parson's "Rise."

Having received official notice that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have decided to make him a grant of £4 a year, the Rev. H. H. Leeper, Vicar of St. Stephen's, Devonport, waxes merry over the donation in his parish magazine. "The official income of the benefice," he writes, "is no longer a beggarly £274 a year, but £278. Is it any wonder I am greatly uplifted and indulging in all sorts of wild schemes of prodigal expenditure! Should you see me driving

my own motor-car, resplendent in sumptuous apparel, smoking Coronas, and scattering my money with lordly abandon, you will know the reason why. I have had a rise! I am getting one shilling and sixpence more a week."

Direct Action.

Agents of Friendly Societies, like everyone else, pay more for their food and clothing and all other necessities of life than they did in 1914. But their earnings are the same to-day as six years ago. They should follow the example of the Prudential and other Industrial Insurance employees, who found "direct action" a speedy method of obtaining a living wage.

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A Woman's Struggle.

I am the wife of a solicitor, whose small practice, after 13 years' hard work, collapsed during his Army service, when I worked as a daily servant, to keep the remnants of our home together for his return. I am supposed to be highly educated, have command of four modern languages, but because I do not know typing, shorthand, etc., I am turned down for office work. Owing to six months' illness the few pounds saved have vanished, and owing to the fact that my husband's salary, as temporary clerk, is not sufficient for our needs, I am compelled again to go out to clean doorsteps and scrub floors, for 3d. an hour. A neighbour remarked, that "her husband would not permit her to go out to work." He is a man who earns from £10 to £12 per week as a carpenter-joiner; I've not had a new hat or frock since 1914.—From (Mrs.) BEATRICE E. THORN, Sutherland Avenue, London, W., to whom a cheque for five guineas has been sent.

Costly School Bills.

Middle-class fathers and mothers are now, at the end of the holiday season turning their thoughts to school bills. The cost of education has increased, like everything else, and is nowadays indeed a great and growing burden on the Silent Sufferers. School fees themselves are heavy enough, but that is not all. There are clothes, and in many instances pupils are required to provide themselves with linen, so that the cost of a boy's outfit when he first goes to school may be anything from £50 to £100. Then there are books—two to three times as expensive as in 1914—and the greatly increased cost of railway travel now comes as the last straw.

self, and to pay for his recreations and all out-of-pocket expenses, on 12s. per week. "Would any of the working-class like to change places with me?" he writes.

Another Comparison.

A clerk in a City solicitor's office, with 40 years' experience to his credit, entrusted with responsible work, is receiving £3 10s. a week. Carpenters working in the same building are paid 2s. 4d. per hour, and our correspondent contemplates renouncing the pen for the saw.

Sweated Teachers Again.

Before the war, the lowest rate paid to teachers of the L.C.C. Evening Institutes was 5s. an evening. It has now been raised to 7s. 6d. Nominally, each session lasts two hours, but in reality the teacher must be at his post for three hours. Surely the L.C.C. can do better than pay trained specialists only 2s. 6d. per hour, an inadequate sum for a skilled brain worker.

Pensions and Pensions.

An Army captain who rose from the rank and has had 33 years in the Service, receives a disability pension of £106 17s. a year. One of his neighbours, a retired village constable, enjoys a pension of £195 after 25 years' service, and has been able to buy a cottage and half an acre of land. Why should not all pensions, naval, military, Civil Service, and police, be standardised, so as to do away with such glaring discrepancies? The man who has served his country for well over 30 years as a soldier surely deserves at least the same consideration as a policeman, who does not incur the same risks to life and limb as a fighting-man on active service.

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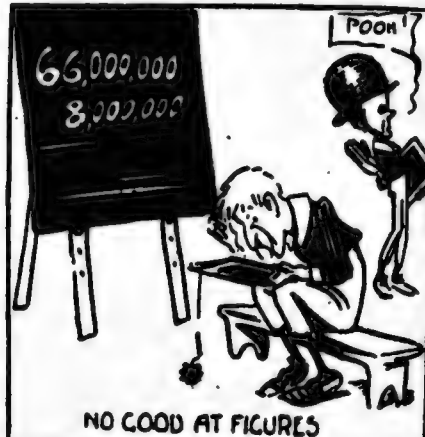
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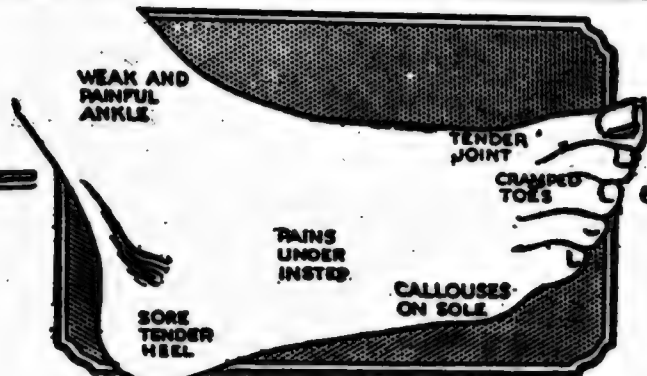
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The PEOPLE'S PULPIT

The readers of "JOHN BULL" discuss matters of Public Interest.

Letters and postcards for this page must relate to public, as distinguished from personal, topics.

For short acknowledgments of other letters—selected from our general mail—see "Letter Bag," page 18.

Champions of "Liberty."

We read much about Trade Unionists' grievances, but nothing about Non Unionists' rights. Take personal freedom! Work in a *society shop* is denied to non-society men (*vide* the electrical dispute), but work in a *non-society shop* is not denied to society men. Could anything be more unjust or unworthy of the "Champions of English Liberties"?—H. COOPER, Lion Terrace, Portsmouth.

Earl's Court.

Earl's Court Exhibition grounds, now more or less derelict, are in the centre of a densely populated area far removed from spacious parks. Consequently, children living in the vicinity have only the squalid and dangerous streets for their playground. Could not the Exhibition premises be acquired and made into a recreation park for the poor kiddies? A new lung for London in this quarter would be a very great boon to the rising generation of the neighbourhood.—(Mrs.) D. MANN, Stanwick Road, W.

"Writing Prices Up."

Recently many of the leading daily papers announced that the price of milk was to be advanced this week. I was therefore agreeably surprised when my dairyman disclaimed any knowledge of such a rise. "It's those dashed papers," he said. "Some silly journalist picks up a rumour from nowhere and publishes it. Then the farmers see it, and, knowing the public are expecting a rise, put it on without the least necessity. That's how prices often go up!"—H. E. D. POLOCK, Barkston Gardens, S.W.5.

Restricting the Birth-rate.

Do our "bachelor" bishops, who are worried about the birth-rate understand anything at all about the "cost of living" to-day with a small fixed income? A child up to a month old costs anything from £50 upwards—only to bring into the world! Where is the money to come from? "Doomed to a childless marriage" is the fate of many a young married couple to-day, whom the "economic facts of life" compel to forgo their greatest happiness—that of bringing healthy children into the world.—EDMUND C. T. HORNIBLOW, Ashburnham Road, Willesden, N.W.

Five Guineas is paid to the writer of the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Private A. A. King.

Triple Alliance.

Who authorised the leaders of the T.A. to support the miners? Certainly not the members of the unions which go to make the T.A., and who also pay these leaders large sums of money to conduct our unions for our interest. If members of these unions are made to support the miners just because our leaders have made up their minds to, it's time unions were scrapped. Let us have a chance to ballot. If we are not given a chance to state our views, then our unions are taking our money and slamming the door in our faces.—LEONARD B. ELLIS, Monaga Road, Manor Park, E.

A "World's Championship."

True sportsmen are getting fed up reading such trash as "Will Dempsey fight?" "Descamps makes a statement to the Press," etc. Why not have one big International League of Boxing, with control over some of these so-called World's Champions? Such a League would receive world-wide support, especially if they saw to it that every World's Champion fought, not bought his way up the ladder of fame.—A. A. KING (Pte.), Rawal Pindi, India.

Sensible "War Memorials."

The public would subscribe more willingly to War Memorials if the money, aided by the Government building grant, was used for erecting *small houses* for the *fully disabled soldiers*; the number of houses built in accordance to the number disabled in every district; Government to employ only ex-Service men. This would reduce a lot of unemployment—*wages paid* instead of "*doles*." Men trained under supervision would be learning a very useful trade. The Government workshops and factories to employ the men of each training centre immediately they become efficient in their various training.—GEORGE W. SPEDDING, North View, Cullercoats-by-Sea, Northumberland.

Railway Fares—and Losses.

When the Government raised railway fares during the war, the reason given was to discourage travelling. Now that the war is presumably over, logically the further increase will further discourage travelling and so increase the Railway Companies' losses and subsidies; incidentally making the 'axpayers' burden the heavier!—RONALD H. HASWELL, Solihull, Warwickshire.

Real "Council of Action."

Thousands of sane and true Trade Unionists simply ignore the "Council of Action," recently set up by a class of fanatics and mis-users of power, to (so they say) prevent future wars. But let a "Council of Action" be formed to provide situations for our unemployed ex-Service men, and it will receive the entire sincere support of all right-thinking Trades Unionists, because everyone will incidentally share the added prosperity the country will gain when the unemployment bogey is laid to rest, and the street corners cleared of dangerously discontented ex-Service "out of works."—H. SHAW, Owen Street, Bath Row, Birmingham.

National Banks.

The Government need money; the workers wish to save—but where is the inducement? The War Certificate boom is finished, Housing Bonds are a wash-out, and Treasury Bonds do not appeal to the workers. I suggest that the Government scrap the miserly Post Office Savings Bank, and start a National Shilling Bank, with a branch in every town in the Kingdom. Give the workers a fair interest for their money and the same freedom for their shilling account as the man with the thousands; encourage them all to be small capitalists, and then—good-bye to the Red Flag gentry!—F. MARGETTS, Norwood Road, London, S.E.

"Our Daily Bread."

Mr. F. M. Bishop, author of the letter which was recently published in this page, now writes to say he has been informed that the 6s. per week advance in wages of millers' men, on which he commented, is not general, but was "a voluntary act on the part of the master of this particular mill."—EDITOR.

All correspondence relating to financial matters should be addressed to the City Editor.

JOHN BULL IN THE CITY.

ADVICE TO INVESTORS.

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Brighter Outlook.

Although at the time of writing no arrangement has been reached to avert the threatened coal strike, hopes are more generally entertained that some way out of the difficulty will be found. The more the miners' case has been examined the weaker it appears to be, and public opinion has been steadily hardening against Mr. Smillie and his associates. Stock markets throughout have taken a cheerful view of the outlook, and, with the holiday season drawing to a close, both business and prices have shown an improving tendency.

Rush of New Issues.

An indication of the resumption of business activity has been afforded by the number of prospectuses which have made their appearance recently. They include a Five Corporation loan for £5,000,000, and one or two promising Industrial offers which were snapped up almost as soon as the lists opened. There are scores of others on the stocks. It is evident, however, that the terms will have to be very tempting to attract fresh money, as many of the issues made during the Spring boom—some of them very good investments—stand at a substantial discount.

Dear Borrowing.

A point worth considering is how long industry is likely to be able to pay 8 or 10 per cent. for its capital as a fixed charge. A favourite type of late has been the 8 per cent. cumulative preference share, entitled to participate in surplus profits, the total return promised running to 12 or 15 per cent. The participating preference share is a comparatively modern, but very welcome, innovation.

Motor Slump.

Several months ago I warned my readers that all was not well with the motor industry, and predicted a slump which can no longer be concealed. The decision of the Sopwith Company to wind up voluntarily is an acute example of what is happening to a greater or less extent elsewhere. Demands in connection with the war were on an enormous scale, and plants were enlarged to meet them. The Government absorbed every machine that could be turned out, and wanted more. Since then the cost of labour and materials has risen greatly, and prices have become almost prohibitive, except for luxury purposes. The recent advance in petrol has proved the last straw for many owners.

Rubber Prospects.

With a serious reaction in the motor industry both here and in America, the consumption of rubber must of necessity be seriously affected, as the great bulk of the output goes into tyres. Efforts have been made to introduce rubber for flooring and paving purposes, and there may be great scope in this direction when the price comes down to 1s. per lb., but at present the question of cost blocks the way. It is understood that the Rubber Growers' Association is proposing a fairly drastic restriction of output.

The Price of Gold.

With each fall in the New York exchange the price of gold rises correspondingly, and it has lately been up to about 120s. per oz., against 85s. normally. It is difficult to forecast the course of American exchange, because it has been affected recently by preparations for the repayment next month of the Anglo-French loan of \$500,000,000. Probably a large portion of our purchases of cotton and wheat has also been arranged for in advance, but experts would not be greatly surprised to see the rate down to \$3 before the end of the year, in which case gold would probably go to 150s. In any event Kafir mines seem certain to make large profits.

ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.
COMPANY MEETING.

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An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Prudential Assurance Company, Ltd., was held on September 16th, at 142, Holborn Bars, for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, passing a resolution appointing Sir Thomas Charles Dewey, Bart., as President of the Company on his retirement from the chairmanship.

Sir Thomas Dewey announced that he had that morning tendered his resignation as chairman of the board, which had been accepted by the directors, who, in his place, had appointed Mr. A. C. Thompson, the general manager, as the Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Thompson, who then took the chair, said that they had all anticipated that the board might have had the opportunity of considering the claims of the deputy-chairman, Mr. Edgar Horne, for election, but owing to the pressure of that gentleman's parliamentary and other duties he (Mr. Horne) did not see his way to allow himself to be nominated for the office. It was a matter for great satisfaction that Mr. Horne was willing to retain the office of deputy-chairman under the new arrangement.

The Secretary (Mr. G. E. May) then read the notice convening the meeting. Mr. W. E. Horne, M.P., in moving that Sir Thomas Dewey be elected to the presidency of the company, stated that Sir Thomas had first become associated with the Prudential about 63 years ago. Sir Thomas, in 1904, became general manager. Six years later he was elected by his fellow-directors to be chairman of the company. He now becomes the second occupant of the position of president.

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During the war—in spite of advancing years and pressure of other duties, Sir Thomas found time at the instance of the Government, to serve with distinction as a member of the War Office Expenditure Committee. This position was far from being a nominal one, and insurance men were extremely gratified that His Majesty should in 1917 signify his appreciation of the labours of Sir Thomas by conferring upon him his present title.

It seemed, therefore, singularly fitting, after so many years of eminent service in the world of insurance that the shareholders of the Prudential should honour Sir Thomas as well as themselves by electing him their president.

Sir William Lancaster seconded the motion, which was supported by several shareholders, and on being put to the meeting, was carried with acclamation.

It was subsequently stated that Mr. Thompson was succeeded in the position of general manager by Sir Joseph Burn, K.B.E., the actuary of the company.

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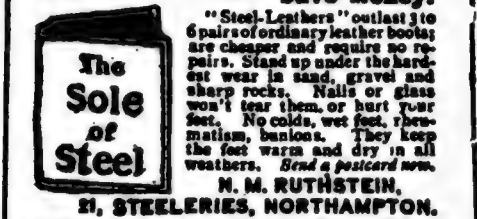
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Discharged:—We recently appealed for the boy sentry who was held up by Sinn Féiners in Dublin and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment. We are glad to hear from headquarters that the sentence was reduced to detention, and the soldier has now been discharged to duty.

A Battery's Billiards:—The 104th Battery R.F.A., at Lahore, sends us a catalogue of complaints, ranging from very insufficient rations to a billiard-room with only two lights. Each man pays over five annas per day for messing, but sees precious little for it.

"Got the Needle":—From Constantinople we hear that the same old game is being played with men who refuse inoculation, which is not compulsory in the Army. The punishment is stoppage of leave. This does not make for willing service.

Pretty Mean:—Civilian subordinates at Headquarters, Western Command, are paid £3 3s. 7d. a week, less Health Insurance fee. When they sign the receipt for their princely pay, they are compelled to bang down the price of a receipt stamp.

The Indian Pay Muddle:—The men returned home from India who cannot get their pay and gratuities for months owing to the slackness of the native pay clerks, are not the only sufferers. Men sent up the hills in the hot weather are frequently forgotten for weeks, with the result that they have not a sou to bless themselves with.

Quite a Poser:—"To settle a bet, will you please let me know how many men did England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales respectively contribute to the late war, and what were the respective casualties in killed, wounded, and missing?" We really forget; but if our correspondent applies to the Secretary, War Office, a staff of clerks will be switched on for a few months, statistics will be provided, and we hope that our friend will save his half-dollar.

Hurry Up, Doctor:—Badgers training at the Sir John Cass Institute, Hackney, petitioned Dr. Macnamara nine weeks ago for an increase of training grant, and were told that the matter would have immediate attention—"immediate attention" in departmental service being equal to "wait and see." A subsequent appeal has not even drawn the usual printed postcard.

The Machine Gunners:—What is happening to the Machine Gun Corps? Is it to disappear or not? Training of men takes more than a week, and goodness knows when we may want the Corps again pretty badly. Before the Great War we had one machine gun per battalion; when we got to work we found that the Huns bristled with the arm.

A Good Start:—We are glad to note that the National Federation of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers, the National Association of Sailors and Soldiers, the Officers' Association, and the Comrades of the Great War have fused and become one body, it being agreed that the National Federation Secretary shall still occupy that position under the fusion.

For Sir Neville:—General Sir Neville Macready—as we know him here; "Make Ready" as he is known in Ireland—is "one of the best." Our letters indicate that the troops in the distressful country have many complaints about their food, and about excessive drills, parades, and guards, considering the strenuous life lived by the soldier over there. We feel that "Nev." will issue a General Order. The London Police learned to look to him, and now the Army in Ireland regard him as the man to see them right.

Our Daily "Thank You":—From J. H. M. (Salford).—I must thank you for your assistance in getting me payment of arrears of my pension. I had tried in vain for months; but you got me the money immediately. What a power there must be behind your name. Please accept enclosed for your fund.

RACING NOTES.

(We regret that, owing to paper shortage and the consequent temporary limitation in the size of this journal, it has been necessary to curtail materially our Sporting Notes. Readers, however, requiring fuller information should make a point of taking the "Sporting Life," which is now controlled by our proprietary.)

Jockey Club Cup.

Having four remaining valuable engagements, the decision to retire Buchan to the stud after Doncaster has been revised. Lord Astor's colt is faced with the easiest of tasks in the Jockey Club Cup. Even if he credits his owner with this "five-thou-pounder"—as he is likely to do—Sir Robert Jardine's position as the leading owner of the season will still be unassailed.

Newbury Cup.

Unless it was the lenient handicapping of Nant Coch and Braishfield, it is hard to account for the poor acceptance for the Cup. A 12 lb. penalty may now be just too much for the Prince Edward Handicap winner. Though Braishfield may turn out to be Taylor's selected over the Newbury Course and distance, Golden Melody may beat him and win.

WEEK'S SELECTIONS.

PONTEFRAC—WEDNESDAY.

West Riding Handicap—DORSET.
Fryson Nursery—BUMBLE BEE.
Nostell Plate—WING COMMANDER

PONTEFRAC—THURSDAY.

Stapleton Handicap—BREDENBURY.
Newbury Nursery—MARGOT COLT.
Ilarewood Plate—STRONGHOLD.

NEWBURY—FRIDAY.

United Services Cup—WINGMAN.
Newbury Cup—GOLDEN MELODY.
FOAL STAKES—THE YELLOW DWARF.
Donnington Plate—GRANELY.

NEWBURY—SATURDAY.

Kingsclere Stakes—MANTON.
Highclere Nursery—CHI-LO-SA.
Whatcombe Stakes—MARSHAL NEIL.

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A Squeezed Orange:—Having served in the Army for 16 years, a man was sent back to civilian life—and to a wife and two children. He worked hard as a soldier, but now cannot find employment as a civilian. He has no pension, and was in debt to the landlord and tradesmen.

Pension Expired:—Demobilised on a conditional pension, an ex-Tommy, like so many others, looked for work, but could not find it. His pension has now expired, and he, with his wife and five children, was starving when he came to us.

Very Hard Up:—The wife of an ex-soldier is about to be confined and could not meet expenses. To aggravate matters, her husband is in hospital. We made it possible for her to send him a good report.

The Child Ill:—Yet another of those who cannot find work. He has a pension of 8s. a week—the only income. His wife is not too strong, and his only child is ill.

Trouble After Trouble:—Having retired after 18 years' service, a man returned home. His mother and his child died recently, leaving him heavily in debt. He, too, cannot get work.

Accident—Destitution:—A soldier died by accident while not on duty, therefore there was no pension. His widow obtained work and carried on, but through no fault of her own she found herself confronted with the workhouse, and she was thoroughly destitute when she looked us up.

THE COMING WINTER.

The last official report concerning London alone, shows that out of a population of 4,500,000, as many as 73,430 persons are paupers receiving poor law relief—this representing a total of 8,643 more than received relief at this time last year. Very many of those outcasts in London are the very ones who fought for us—the men whom we cheered when we read the war news; the picturesque tin-hatted fellows with their rifles and mud-spattered uniforms whom we regarded as heroes when they came over here on leave—for a brief respite from the hell in which they lived for us. The short paragraphs in the preceding column are but a few specimens of the hundreds of such cases that we receive weekly.

From other parts of England the reports are none too good. There are trade slumps here, there, and everywhere, and unemployment is growing. The result is that applications for aid from our little Fund are increasing, and we find it necessary to make stronger and stronger appeals for assistance to help us to relieve the distressed. We have the case of the discharged, workless soldier who is already heavily in debt, and whose wife is about to present him with further trouble in the shape of an "increase," for the provision of which no money is in hand. There are the other cases of more or less destitute families where death has stepped in and the horror of a parish funeral presents itself; the case of the ex-soldier, his wife, and ill-clad, hungry children who could face the semi-starvation, but are really down and out when the magistrate makes an order of eviction.

Such are but a few samples of the cases we help through our subscribers; and to carry on the good work, we are compelled to ask for increased financial assistance. We repeat, once more, that we have not one single official whose work is remunerated out of the subscriptions sent in. Every sixpence of the cost of administration, investigation, and the rest of it is defrayed by JOHN BULL, and we appeal to all of our readers to help on the good and merciful work.

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"IRISHMAN'S DAUGHTER" (London, E.).—"God bless you for trying to save the life of the Lord Mayor of Cork." Thanks, dearie; but from other quarters we have been cursed horribly.

H. D. (Denver, Colo., U.S.A.).—"For years we printed Byron's lines on our cover. John Bull's an ass and knows it; Unk Sam's one and doesn't."

E. C. L. (Bushey).—"The ex-Service men are entitled to form a band and play in the streets, but legally they must move on if it is objected that they are creating a nuisance."

S. P. (Northampton).—"In our opinion the ex-Kaiser is as safe from being hanged as you are."

THE CANADIAN BUREAU (Cardiff).—"Regarding our news that the Canadian Pacific Railway contemplates importing 20,000 Italian labourers, you tell us their job is one no Britisher would accept. And that's the point. It ought to be."

"ONE WHO KNOWS" (Stratford).—"It is quite true that, while 10,000 women employed in railway offices are to have a £3 minimum wage under a new trade union agreement, 150,000 (at least) ex-soldiers are out of work."

Mrs. M. S. B. (Leith).—"We don't think any trade union executive will officially worry itself about 'the good old horse.' Some executives are busy riding the stupid old ass."

"EX-DIEHARD" (Scranton, Pa., U.S.A.).—"But one more shout for Mannix, who won by the nobler course, who matched his brilliant intellect 'gainst England's brutal force." Perhaps that's why he lost the match."

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E. E. (London).—"We believe the true facts of the death of Lord Kitchener have been (we don't say fully) brought to light."

J. W. R. (Nottingham).—"So, although 75 years of age, you are 'game to go and down Lansbury as he sits in his office'! But you must not jeopardise your Old Age Pension."

"DOCTOR FRANK OF EUROPE" sends his compliments twice, and says, "Johnny Bull is Asleep." What's he doing to wake people up, anyway?

"FIAT JUSTITIA" (Mortlake).—"Agreed that we can't expect the 190,000 out-of-work ex-soldiers proudly to heave their bosoms as citizens of Britain."

"CONSTANT READER" (London).—"Pity the Labour Party does not concentrate its energies on improving the lot of the Old Age Pensioners."

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C. D. (Waterloo).—"The Government should reduce expenses to £500,000 and recall all soldiers home for productive work." Write to Mr. Austen Chamberlain about it.

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H. R. C. (Twickenham).—"The trouble in these days is not with men who do two jobs, but with men who won't put their backs into one."

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G. H. D. (Walkden), avers that "we miners round Lancashire do not get coal cheaper than anyone else." Sorry to hear it. Others do.

F. W. B. (Liverpool).—"We cannot agree that the teacher of 50 or 60 'infants' does work equal in importance to a head-mistress over hundreds of scholars. So we decline to withdraw what you courteously term our 'absurd statement.'"

Mrs. C. G. H. (Ripley).—"Don't be so sudden. The daily paper that says a lady is 'recruiting after an operation for appendicitis,' made no 'pie' of it. See Chambers's:—"Recruit—to recover in health."

W. M. J. (Cowdenbeath).—"We note your remarks on the mining situation, based on forty years' practical experience. Seemingly, you played with coal in your cradle."

S. A. H. (Fortis Green).—"The lines herewith are of no value." We reluctantly agree.

J. T. (Gretna).—"We as a nation are divided into sections." You have a penetrating insight.

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APPROVAL ORDER FORM.

To FUNK & WAGNALLS CO., 124, Salisbury Square, London, E.C. 4.

I enclose 9d. postage. Please send me "Wit, Wisdom, and Foibles of the Great." I will, within 5 days either (a) send 30s. in payment (or first payment of 6s. and four further monthly payments of 6s.), or (b) return the book.

J.B.

Name
Address

2 ND PRIZE £20	BULLETS £250 FIRST PRIZE	3 RD PRIZE £10
10 ^{Prizes} of £5		200 ^{Prizes} of 5/-
10 ^{Prizes} of £2-10/-		1,000 ^{Prizes} of 2/-
25 ^{Prizes} of 10/-		3,000 ^{Prizes} of TARGET PRIZES

NEXT WEEK "BULLETS" FIRST PRIZE WILL BE INCREASED TO £1,000.

HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS."

First choose any of the Thirty-two examples given below. Then give TWO, THREE or FOUR words having sense bearing on the example chosen. Any ONE of the words selected must begin with any letter in the example chosen. The other words selected can begin with any letters in the alphabet. This example will guide you:—
Example:—FAIR FIGHT. Bullet:—FOR SEAT IN PARLIAMENT. Competitors may send in two BULLETS for sixpence. If more coupons are used, an entry fee at the rate of 6d. for each coupon must be sent. Result of this Competition will be found in our issue dated October 16th.

LIST OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 390.

OUR NEW BOSS GIVING HER BEST RUDE AWAKENING TICKLISH JOB BOTTOMLEY'S AIM NOT FINISHED YET THE WRONG WAY RULE OF THREE	LEAVES US GOLD WISE MAN WHEN MOTHER'S OUT HOT HEADS WHAT I LIKE SPEECHLESS UGLY RUMOUR OUT OF JOINT	UP AGAINST IT TRYING REST CURE TELLING THE TALE HOME FIRES WOMAN'S PLACE TAKING TOO MUCH NOW AND AGAIN WELL MATCHED	OUR WORST-ENEMY OUT OF WORK ROBBERY WANTED BADLY LUCKY PLAYTHINGS SOLVING THE PROBLEM A GOOD MISTRESS
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No. _____	Closing Date, Thursday, Sept. 30th.
Example _____	
Bullet _____	
Example _____	
Bullet _____	
(390) P.O. No. _____	Signed _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.	Address _____
If 1 coupon is used P.O. for 6d. must be sent.	

If unable to secure extra coupons you can write your "Bullets" on plain paper.

No. _____	Closing Date Thursday, Sept. 30th.
Example _____	
Bullet _____	
Example _____	
Bullet _____	
(390) P.O. No. _____	Signed _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.	Address _____
If 2 coupons are used P.O. for 1/- must be sent.	

Envelopes should be marked "Bullets" No. 390, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

No. _____	Closing Date, Thursday, Sept. 30th.
Example _____	
Bullet _____	
Example _____	
Bullet _____	
(390) P.O. No. _____	Signed _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.	Address _____
If 3 coupons are used P.O. for 1/6 must be sent.	

No. _____	Closing Date, Thursday, Sept. 30th.
Example _____	
Bullet _____	
Example _____	
Bullet _____	
(390) P.O. No. _____	Signed _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.	Address _____
If 4 coupons are used P.O. for 2/- must be sent.	

Selection of Examples for "Bullets" Competition No. 391.

TALKING—BOTTOMLEY'S TIP—WHEN TO STRIKE—IN WRONG SHOP—TEMPTING—NOT GOING TO WORK—FINDING THE WINNER—THE MINER'S MOTTO—IN THE PIT—NEVER BEEN KISSED—WHAT THE PUBLIC WANT—WORTHY OF NOTICE—YOU NEVER CAN TELL—PLENTY TO DO—SELLING A PUP—WHEN IN LOVE—NO BUSINESS HERE—ARTFUL BEGGAR—BRITISH GOODS—RUSSIAN GOLD.

These examples can be made use of on the Coupons above, and must reach us on or before THURSDAY, October 7th. All coupons so used MUST be clearly marked with the number 391 in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these Coupons must be addressed "Bullets," No. 391, JOHN BULL, Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such Coupons must not contain any of the Thirty-two Examples for Competition 390.

Result of 387th 'Bullets' Competition

FIRST PRIZE OF £1,000:
Miss E. N. BURT, 12, Eccleston Road,
West Ealing, London, W. 13.

Example:—BOLSHEVISM—
Bullet:—RUBBISH—PATRIOTISM'S THE
BROOM.

SECOND PRIZE OF £100:
Mr. F. E. ELLISON, Hampton House, Alexandra Road,
Aberystwyth.

Example:—PLAIN SPEAKING.
Bullet:—OFTEN DOCTOR'S "BITTEREST PILL."

THIRD PRIZE OF £25:
Mr. JOHN B. JOHNSTON, 74, Bridge Street,
Cheetham, Manchester.

Example:—UPSIDE DOWN.
Bullet:—WHEN "JAW'S" ABOVE "BRAINS."

10 Prizes of £5 each:
Mr. G. H. GARLAND, Coleshill Rd., Sutton Coldfield:
SWEET SEVENTEEN—A SUBJECT FOR "CONFIRMATION."

Mr. V. H. LABAN, 62, High St., Mexboro', Yorks.:
WHAT IRELAND WANTS—A BLOODLESS SURGEON.
(Sent in on a Free "Target" Prize Coupon.)

Mr. THEODORE CURSON, 72, Wimpole Street, Cavendish Square, W. 1:
AGE OF WOMAN—MANY "SHY" AT FORTY.

Mr. A. J. C. THOMAS, 124, Ashley Down Rd., Bristol:
UNPLEASANT—BUYING SAME EXPERIENCE TWICE.

Mr. DOUGLAS GLEED, 217, Dilton Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne:
PLAIN SPEAKING—DEPENDS ON LISTENER'S SIZE.

Mr. J. DRYSDALE, 8, Bothwell Street, Easter Road, Edinburgh:
MOST EXPENSIVE—INDUSTRIAL ILLS' "REST CURE."

Mr. J. W. CRICHTON, Banchory, Kincardineshire:
UNPLEASANT—AMBITION'S LADDER RESEMBLING TREADMILL.

Mr. H. MELLOR, "Greenbank," Lymme, Cheshire:
GERMAN SAMPLES—SOMETHING TO "KICK ABOUT."

Mr. G. BARKER, 2, East Terrace, Hermitage Rd., N. 4:
ON THE WARP—BIGGEST POWER—THE PURSE.

Mr. H. GOODWIN, 667, West Derby Road, Liverpool:
DISHONOURABLE BILL—EX-TOMMY THINKS RECRUITING POSTER.

10 Prizes of £2 10s. each:
Miss E. G. OAKES, Abberley House, Dudley, Worcs.:
NICE AND WARM—A TEMPTATION "TO SLACK."

Mr. F. E. BOYCOTT, Cwm-Pennmachno, Bettws-y-Coed:
OVERATED—OFFICE STOOL AS LADDER.

Miss E. GIBBONS, 211, Plaistow Road, West Ham:
WINNING A THOUSAND—INDUSTRIES BACK—GERMANY'S AMBITION.

Mrs. JACOB, 23, Kendrick Road, Barry Dock:
PLAIN SPEAKING—EVERY RECTOR THINKS HIS.

Mrs. M. SPENCER, 34, Sneath Av., Golders Green:
WITHOUT QUESTION—SWEETEST SPHERE—HOME CIRCLE.

(Sent in on a Free "Target" Prize Coupon.)
Miss E. BRAMLEY, 49, Gerrard Street, Birmingham:
LABOUR'S LATEST MOVE—MERELY "SHADOW BOXING" EXHIBITION.

Mr. A. ALEXANDER, Lloyd's Bank, Fleet, Hants:
BOLSHEVISM—BORROWING REVOLVER—SHOOTING LENDER.

Mr. H. SELLES, 31, Prince Street, Bristol:
GERMAN SAMPLES—BOLSHEVISM—THEN EXPORTS IT.

Miss R. V. TUCKER, High Street, Curry Rivel, Taunton, Somerset:
NICE BEAUTY—POLICEMAN "THREW LIGHT UPON."

Mr. G. CAREY, Infantry Record Office, Island Bridge, Dublin:
WHAT WINSTON THINKS—CAN'T BE "HEID BACK."

List of 100. Prizewinners in "Bullets" Competition 387 will be published in next week's "Competitors' Journal." Complete List of all Cash and Other Prizewinners can be seen at the Office of "John Bull."

BULLETS RULES. 1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the Judges, in consultation with the Editor, is the best "Bullet" received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the best being cleverness, aptness and originality.

2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.

3. All four coupons may be used, but each coupon must be accompanied by a postal order for 6d. made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed "A/C." Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.

4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned.

5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

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GREAT FREE
FIRE
INSURANCE
COVERING ALL RISKS BY
FIRE TO HOME, LIFE & LIMB.

UNDER this most unique FREE INSURANCE OFFER anyone above the age of 10 can be insured irrespective of sex. The premium charged by any Fire and Accident Insurance Company to secure similar benefits would certainly exceed the cost of this. **Write to us absolutely free.**

We have made our insurance as simple and comprehensive as possible, and shall not bother about any "Legal representative" or "next of kin." Claims will be paid to the registered reader, who must personally sign the coupon, or to the person nominated thereon, and to no one else.

A separate coupon must be filled up in respect to each person to be insured.

For offer applies only to persons residing in, and property situated in, England, Scotland, and Wales.

The full conditions governing this scheme will be published from time to time.

WHAT WE WILL PAY:
For Damage to contents of Home by Fire up to **£200**
In case of Death directly due to Fire at Registered Reader's home **£200**
For the Loss of Two Limbs or Both Eyes, or One Limb and One Eye **£200**
For the Loss of One Limb or One Eye **£100**
Medical Fees for Injuries not proving fatal but incapacitating the injured person from following his, or her, employment, up to **£10**
In the event of a Temporary Total Disablement up to 13 weeks.. **£1 per week**

ORDER FORM
TO BE RETURNED BY REGISTERED READER.

To Newagent.

.....
Please deliver "JOHN BULL" to me regularly until further notice.

Signed
Address

.....
Sept. 25, 1920.

You must also fill in the Registration Form, which will be found next to this, and post it to JOHN BULL Insurance Dept., 31, Long Acre, London, W.C.2, where your name and the name of your nominee will be duly registered.

REGISTRATION FORM
Which must be posted to—
JOHN BULL INSURANCE DEPT., Long Acre, W.C.2.

This is to notify that I have this day placed an order for the regular weekly supply of JOHN BULL with

..... Newagent, of

..... and desire you to register me as a regular subscriber under the terms of your Insurance Scheme.

In the event of my being injured or killed, or of my home or its contents being damaged, I hereby nominate to receive any payment due under this insurance, first myself, or in the event of my death:—

Name of Nominee
Address

Signature of Insured
(Mr., Mrs., or Miss)

Home Address

Sept. 25, 1920.

To remain qualified for the benefits, readers must continue to have "John Bull" regularly supplied to them.

Enclose 1d. stamp if an acknowledgment of receipt of Registration Form is required.

BIGGEST FOOTBALL PRIZE EVERY WEEK

\$500 MUST BE WON

FOR A CORRECT OR NEAREST CORRECT FORECAST OF ONLY 14 MATCHES

NO ENTRANCE FEE! NO GOALS REQUIRED!

THE sum of £500 will be paid to the sender of a coupon containing the correct results of the 14 matches given. If 14 correct results are not given, the £500 will be awarded to the sender of most correct results, so that in any event the £500 MUST BE WON. This is the BIGGEST ONE-WEEK FOOTBALL PRIZE OFFERED BY ANY PAPER.

We would advise competitors to make a careful study of football form before filling in their coupons. Scottish and Irish readers can compete. Competitors can send in as many coupons as they like. Coupons for this Competition are published in this week's issue only.

THIS COMPETITION IS EXCLUSIVE TO "JOHN BULL."
Coupons do not appear in any other paper.

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY

(1) All attempts must be made on coupons taken from the issue of JOHN BULL announcing this Competition. Coupons must be completely filled in with ink in ordinary handwriting (typewriting or pencil will not be allowed), and in accordance with the instructions given on this page.

(2) The sum of £500 (Five Hundred Pounds) will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon containing the correct results of all the matches played to a finish. If no competitor succeeds in giving all the correct results, the sum of £500 will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon with most correct results. In the event of a tie or ties, the prize to be won will be equally divided amongst the successful competitors. No competitor can receive more than one share of the £500. Should any

HOW TO FILL UP YOUR COUPONS.

If you think the "Home" team will win, place a X in the column headed "Home"; if you think the "Away" team will win, place a X in the column headed "Away"; if you think the result will be a Draw, place a X in the column headed "Draw." Only one X must be entered for each match. Coupons must be completely filled up in ink.

match not be played to a finish on the date given, or as set out on coupon, it will be disregarded.

(3) Fourteen crosses in all must be marked on each coupon, one for each match. Coupons marked otherwise will be disqualified.

(4) No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any coupon. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery or receipt. No correspondence will be entered into nor will interviews be granted.

(5) Any coupon on which an alteration of any kind has been made will be disqualified. Any coupons received later than Sept. 30th will be disqualified.

(6) The Editor's decision must be accepted as final and legally binding in all matters concerning this Competition, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

£2,000 ALREADY WON!

FILL UP THE COUPON. YOU MAY WIN THIS WEEK!

Cut out Coupon neatly and address all entries as follows: Football Competition No. 6, "JOHN BULL," 25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2. Write "Football" in top left-hand corner of envelope. All coupons can be enclosed in one envelope, but this must not contain entries for other Competitions.

COMPETITORS MAY SEND AS MANY COUPONS AS THEY LIKE.

RESULT OF OUR 3rd FOOTBALL COMPETITION

The following 15 competitors succeeded in correctly forecasting the results of the 14 matches played on Sept. 11th, and therefore divide the prize of £500, each receiving the sum of £33 6s. 8d.:-

ANDREWS, B., 4, Strover Rd., Gillingham, Kent.
BROWN, S. 32, Borrowdale Rd., Wavertree, L'pool.
BUTTERWORTH, C., 3, Shore Head, Marshall's Yard, Huddersfield.
BROOKS, A., 10, Eastwood Mount, Rotherham, Yks.
COLLISON, I., 28, Styan Street, Fleetwood.
CLARKSON, M., Mrs., 32, Cleveland St., Gainsborough.

HURST, F. H., 444, Rochdale Rd., Oldham.
HAYNES, W., Cowley Rd., Littlemore, nr. Oxford.
MERRYWEATHER, I., 131, Evelyn Rd., Nunhead, Peckham, S.E.
MICKDAL, H., 64, Alleston Rd., S. Newington, N.16.

MORRIS, A., 67, Spencer Street, Shadwell, E.1.
PRESTON, A. E., 4, Princess St., Sowerby Bge. Yks.
PEARCE, G., 12, Richmond St., Edgware Rd., N.W.8.
SAUNDERS, A. J., 20, Wellesley Rd., W. Croydon.
WEST, E. B., Miss, 30, St. Ann's Rd., Barnes, S.W.13.

WHEN SUMMER-TIME ENDS.

How the Change Affects the Body.

When "Summer-Time" ends and you alter the clock again by an hour, remember that change of season often affects men and women just as much as the trees and other natural growths. This is the time when rheumatism begins to threaten, with sharp twinges and aches in the joints and muscles; 'tis now that growing girls become languid and breathless, and men who have to work hard feel the benefit of the summer holiday falling off.

Altogether, many of us are not up to the mark, and even if we show no signs of illness, it is certain that our blood, at this season, needs renewing. For the benefit of those who feel the change of season in any of the ways indicated it should be mentioned that Dr. Williams' pink pills have done wonders in thousands of cases, making new blood, and toning up the nerves. The new healthy blood these pills create carries nourishment to every part of the body, and overcomes debility and the poisons that cause rheumatism; nervous ailments disappear, and the whole system is fortified.

FREE.—You can obtain a free book of Health Hints by sending a postcard to Book Dept., 36, Fitzroy Square, London, W.1.—A.V.T.

Keep your boys at home!



INSTALL A Riley Billiard Table in your house and let the boys find their amusement at home. Riley's "Home" Billiard Tables give just the same perfect game as their full size tables, and are made in sizes to fit every room. There is one to fit your dining table. Prices from **£8 15 0**, or in 18 monthly payments. Riley's "Combine" Billiard and Dining Tables from **£24 10 0**, or in 20 monthly payments.

SEVEN DAYS' FREE TRIAL GIVEN.

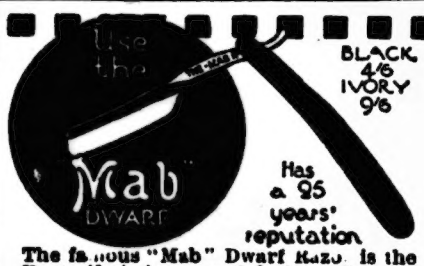
A full list of accessories supplied with every table, and the whole delivered free to any address within one mile of nearest station. Write for our price list to-day.

E. J. RILEY, Ltd., 149, Aldersgate St., E.C.4.
London Showrooms: 147, Aldersgate St., E.C.4.

Boots last months longer

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are worn. Easily Fixed. Sold Everywhere. 2d. per carton. No. 1. Make a KEY MARK on SOLE. 4. TRADE.



The famous "Mab" Dwarf Razor is the razor that gives a satisfactory shave at all times. The keen, sensible-sized blade makes shaving a pleasure. Pairs in Case (Dwarf size) 12/6 (Medium size) 14/6. Of all Cut-throat Razormongers, and Stores, or direct from "Mab" Co., 73 D. Newhall Street, Birmingham. Write for free book "On Shave".

Special Offer of THIGH BOOTS

Brand new, in perfect condition, made of finest rubber. Specially suitable for Farmers, Fishermen, Gamekeepers, etc. Absolutely waterproof and impervious to damp. Every pair has been tested by Government Inspectors.

Per Pair **20/-** Post free.

State size when ordering.

Cash with Order.

DIRECT SUPPLY CO., (Room A),

Downing St. off MANCHESTER.

"MILES AHEAD OF SOAP"

GRE-SOLVENT INSTANTLY RESOLVES GREASE & GRIME.

For the hands and the housework. In Tins at 4d., 6d., and 1/6.

You get VALU for MONEY when you buy SPRATT'S

because 3 of Spratt's Dog Cakes (weighing about 1 lb.) contain as much nourishment and energy and stamina-giving properties as 2 lbs. of juicy steak—and in a form which perfectly suits the dog constitution.

Tell your dealer you must have

SPRATT'S

This is a book free to Dog-lovers. Write for copy to:—any Address Room 17, Spratt's Patent Ltd., 24, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C.4.



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Nearly
**£5 worth of
Heavy drapery
for 55!**

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ONE PAIR OF SPLENDID HONEY-SPUN BLANKETS, with Blue Borders and strongly whipped edges.
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